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CORNER-STONE LAYING OF Y. M. C. A. BUILDING

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT MAKES ADDRESS

Chorus of Male Voices Render Music—Dr. Washington in Conference with President—Prof. Scarborough in the City.

Special by Thompson's National News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 2.—Eight thousand persons, many of whom were of the Caucasian race, witnessed the ceremonies attendant upon the laying of the corner-stone of the new $100,000 home of the colored branch of the Young Men's Christian Association on the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day in this city. The principal address was delivered by President Theodore Roosevelt and the Chief Executive of the nation further assisted by spreading the mortar in which the massive stone was imbedded at the conclusion of the speaking.

The President's remarkable address has already been published far and wide, and to say that its broad tenets and lofty spirit of equality of opportunity for all men, regardless of race, has set the country by the ears, is to put the case mildly. The time, the occasion and the sentiment given out were all in perfect harmony, and as a result the President finds himself today quite the most popular man in the official life of America.

It appears that Mr. Roosevelt, despite his generous impulse to put in a word for the Negro, felt a peculiar delicacy about making certain references to the race problem while the campaign was in progress, fearing taht his motive might be misconstrued and regarded by the opposition as a play for votes, and that his message would thus lose much of its power for good that he intended for it to convey. To avoid being misunderstood the President chose the psychological moment after the election to tell the colored people and the nation what he thought of the duty the white man owed the Negro and of the obligation resting upon the Negro as a part and parcel of the body politic. A careful reading of the speech will show that every word rang true and that a state paper it will take rank with any utterance that has fallen from the lips of any President of the United States since Abraham Lincoln.

THE PROCEEDINGS IN DETAIL.

Mr. E. J. Morton, president of the Colored Branch of the Y. M. C. A., presided, and after a selection by the men's chorus of 100 voices, under the direction of Prof. John T. Layton, introduced Commissioner H. B. F. Macfarland, who delivered a brief but telling address. After making note of the especial fitness in choosing Thanksgiving Day for laying the corner-stone of a structure that stands for the highest ideals, Mr. Macfarland said:

"In this Dictrict, where there is a larger and better colored population than anywhere else, the colored branch of the Y. M. C. A. has great opportunity and great promise. The subscription of $30,000, raised entirely among colored men and women, is of the greatest significance. It is the largest subscription of its kind ever raised by colored men and women. It is not only a credit to those who give it to the national capital, but will be a stimulus to the colored race throughout the country. Already it has started similar enterprises elsewhere, and they will multiply in the future."

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WARMLY GREETED.

The arrival of the President at this juncture was the signal for an outbreak of tumultuous applause. The mass of people in the streets, in the windows and on the roofs of the surrounding houses cheered lustily and clapped their hands, while the daintily clad women waved handkerchiefs and small flags which they had brought for that purpose. The picture was truly an inspiration, suggesting the loftiest patriotism and racial unity on the common ground of racial uplift. The President's address was frequently interrupted by applause. His review of the progress and importance of the Y. M. C. A. work among the colored people, his plea for the same measure of opportunity for the white and black American, for the absolute equality of all before the law, his reference to sacrifices made by public-spirited Negroes for the general welfare, and his hearty endorsement of the labors of Charles Banks and his Business League followers in establishing and maintaining the Negro town of Mound Bayou, Miss., as a striking example of the constructive genius of the colored people, were especially happy and came in for many evidences of enthusiastic approval. The President was in excellent voice and his rare good humor brightened the lowering skies and made everyone feel perfectly "at home" with him. His several departures from his carefully prepared manuscript were felicitous and timely. An ovation was given him as he took his seat and congratulations were chowered upon him by the crowd upon the platform.

"THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN."

Immediately after the President had finished speaking he took a steel trowel with a wooden handle, the property of A. L. Harvey, a colored bricklayer, and which is the same instrument that Mr. Harvey uses every day in his work, and spread out the first mortar. Commissioners Macfarland and Henry L. West, Dr. W. P. Thirkield, president of Howard University, and several other distinguished visitors, added mortar to the foundation. As the choir sany "How Firm a Foundation," the big block of granite was lowered in its place. A copper box in the stone contains copies of the Washington newspapers of the day, a Bible, copies of the President's speech, the history of the colored department of the Y. M. C. A., and an emblem of the society. A noteworthy incident happened just before the stone was lowered, illustrative of the unconventional manners of Mr. Roosevelt. Turning to Levi Adams, a colored workman, who was standing by in his working garb of overalls and jumper, awaiting the signal to move the block and tackle, the President said:

"Come here; I want to shake hands with you."

Somewhat overcome by stage fright and visibly embarrassed, Mr. Adams smilingly stepped over to Mr. Roosevelt, and wiping the grime from his sturdy hand, shly extended it and received a hearty grasp from the President, who faced those about him and remarked:

"I always like to shake hands with the man behind the gun—the man that does the work."

For the moment, no doubt, Levi Adams was the proudest man in Washington. The President called attention to the fact that all of the work done on the building was being performed by colored mechanics, which, he said, was a double triumph for the race.

Interesting addresses were delivered by Mr. Richard C. Morse, secretary of the International Y. M. C. A., who had come all the way from New York to witness these exercises, Secretary L. E. Johnson and others. A colection amounting to over $40 was taken up.

SOME OF THOSE WHO WERE THERE.

President Roosevelt was accompanied to the site of the Y. M. C. A. on 12th street, between S and T streets northwest, by Secretary William Loeb, Jr., and Capt. Archibald W. Butt, of the White House staff. Among other prominent persons who occupied seats on the platform were:

Commissioners Macfarland and West, John S. Sleman, Jr., of the Y. M. C. A., Col. E. W. Halford, Dr. Merrill E. Gates, Dr. W. P. Thirkield, president of Howard University, Dr. Richard C. Morse, Rev. Dr. S. H. Woodrow, Miles M. Shand, William Knowles Cooper, Myron J. Jones, Rev. Dr. George P. Wilson, Hugh Thrift, Dr. J. E. Moorland, of the International Y. M. C. A., Rev. Drs. M. W. Clair and M. W. D. Norman, Dr. B. F. Watson, secretary of the Church Extension Board, and Dr. John F. Hurst, financial secretary of the A. M. E. Church, Ralph Tyler, Auditor for the Navy Department; Dr. W. T. Vernon, Register of the Treasury; John C. Dancy, Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia; Judge Robert H. Terrell, of the Municipal Court; J. A. Cobb, Assistant District Attorney; W. Calvin Chase, editor of the Washington Bee; R. W. Thompson, manager of Thompson's National News Bureau; Mesdames W. T. Vernon, C. W. Childs, John F. Hurst, Architect and Mrs. W. Sidney Pittman, Contractor S. H. Bolling, and others well-known in religious and business circles.

The invocation was offered by Dr. Clair and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Norman.

The structure is well under way, the foundation being very nearly completed. The construction will be pushed as rapidly as the funds in hand will permit. The structure is to be 63 by 165 feet, and will have four floors and a basement. When completed and furnished it will cost $100,000. Of this sum $25,000 was contributed by John D. Rockefeller on condition that the association raise a like amount. Of the $30,000 subscribed by the colored people, as referred to by Commissioner Macfarland, $12,000 has been paid in. Mr. Rockefeller has paid $10,000, the agreement being that he pay in $5,000 installments as the subscriptions reach $5,000. The building fund, therefore, has reached about $22,000.

The architect who drew the plans is W. Sidney Pittman, a graduate of Tuskegee and Drexel Institute, and a son-in-law of Dr. Booker T. Washington. Mr. Pittman will be remembered as the beautiful Negro building at the Jamestown Exposition. To the indefatigable labors of Secretary Lewis E. Johnson is due a large measure of the splendid results of the Thanksgiving tide. He has worked night and day for many months to make possible the celebration that brought out the commendation and endorsement of the President of the United States and the best people of both races on the American continent.

News Notes of the Capital.

The echoes of the jolification over the election of Judge Taft are still heard. No President was ever elected amid so much general rejoicing. The nation accepts the verdict and everybody has settled down for the prosperity that is due to follow in the wake of an assurance that the Republican party is to continue in power. Mr. Frank H. Hitchcock is to be Postmaster-General in the Taft Cabinet. That much is settled and the country is perfectly satisfied with the selection of the man who is not only an expert on matters political, but who knows the postal business from A to Z. Mr. Hitchcock gave the Negroes a square deal while in charge of the campaign. He will give our people an equal chance and fair play as the head of a department in which thousands of us earn our daily bread and in which thousands more want to take a whack at bread-winning. Another selection practically assured is that of Mr. William Loeb, Jr., the capable Secretary to the President. Mr. Loeb is one of the purest and best men in public life and would bring to the Treasury, Navq or Commerce of Labor portfolio a ripe experience, sound judgment and executive ability of the highest order. By all means Mr. Loeb should have a seat at the Cabinet table of President Taft. The colored visitors at the White House have always found a faithful friend in the obliging and affable Secretary, and want him kept at court, so to speak, where he can put in an authoritative word for us when it is needed. Of course, Mr. Fred W. Carpenter will be secretary to the new President, and he will prove a worthy successor to Mr. Loeb. It is understood that the "Black Cabinet" will remain intact; so the enterprising gentlemen who are in training for the shoes of Auditor Tyler, Register Vernon, Judge Terrell, Attorney Cobb and Recorder Dancy here in Washington may as well possess their souls in patience and hunt themselves another set of jobs. These men all gave an excellent account of themselves in the late campaign—besides standing firmly by Judge Taft when he was running for the nomination last spring, and thus they have a double claim upon his gratitude. Other places will be opened to Negroes, not now open; the fellows who can get in on the ground floor and find out where these plums are, are apt to bag the game. It is a wild-goose chase to attempt to dislodge the present "Black Cabinet."

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Dr. Booker T. Washington was in the city two days of last week. He visited the White House and took up with the President a number of important matters affecting the race. He was handsomely entertained at dinner Wednesday evening by his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sidney Pittman, at Little White Tops, Fairmont Heights. The company embraced Messrs. S. H. Bolling, of Lynchburg, Va.; Robert L. Waring, of the District bar, and Nathan Hunt, of Tuskegee, Ala., and Miss Florence Bolling, of Lynchburg. The "Wizzard" left Thursday for New York.

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Messrs. Emmett J. Scott, of Tuskegee, Ala., B. S. Jackson, editor of the Fair Play, Parkersburg, W. Va., and Richard B. Harrison, the western elocutionist, are among our recent visitors.

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Prof. W. S. Scarborough, the newly-elected president of Wilberforce University, spent a few days of last week in the city, the guest of Financial Secretary and Mrs. John F. Hurst. He went on to New York Sunday to meet Dr. Booker T. Washington for a conference on educational matters. Professor Scarborough's election as president of Methodism's banner institution is endorsed by the people of the country, regardless of denomination, and his success is assured. He is not only a scholar, but an all-round man of affairs and a financier. While giving the school a standing intellectually, he will not forget to provide for it many material wants. He has a feasible plan to raise $100,000, and will come very near getting what he asks for. Wilberforce is fortunate in being able to secure the services of Prof. Scarborough at this time, and is certain to prosper as never before under his painstaking direction.

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Howard University's senior medical class has elected the following officers: President, Will Massey Henry; vice president, Thomas Caesar Smith; secretary, Silas S. Smith; assistant secretary, James N. Daley; treasurer, Frederick Douglass Quick; chaplain, Edward J. Morton, journalist, Ripley Marion; sergeant-at-Alfred W. Harris.

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The rumor that Mr. Richard V. Oulahan is to be the successor to Mr. Newberry as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, is welcome intelligence to the colored men who served with him on the literary bureau of the recent national campaign. Mr. Oulahan is a born newspaper man and the successful outcome of the late contest was largely due to his fine perception of what was needed and his administrative faculty of getting it done. Mr. Oulahan is all right and his colored friends want to see him "land" in a place befitting his merits.

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The "Mu-So-Lit Club," made up of the leading literary, musical and social lights of the national capital, has resumed its sessions. At the last regular meeting the following new members were elected: Dr. E. D. Williston, Wyatt Archer, A. O. Stafford, Charles G. Harris, R. R. Horner, Oliver Randolph, Charles E. Hall and C. J. Pickett. At the December meeting a constitutional amendment will be voted upon, designed to provide for increasing the limit of the membership from sixty to seventy-five. The organization is preparto give a grand function during the inaugural season, in addition to its annual reception, for the benefit of their many friends from all sections of the country. Attorney James A. Cobb is president of the club.

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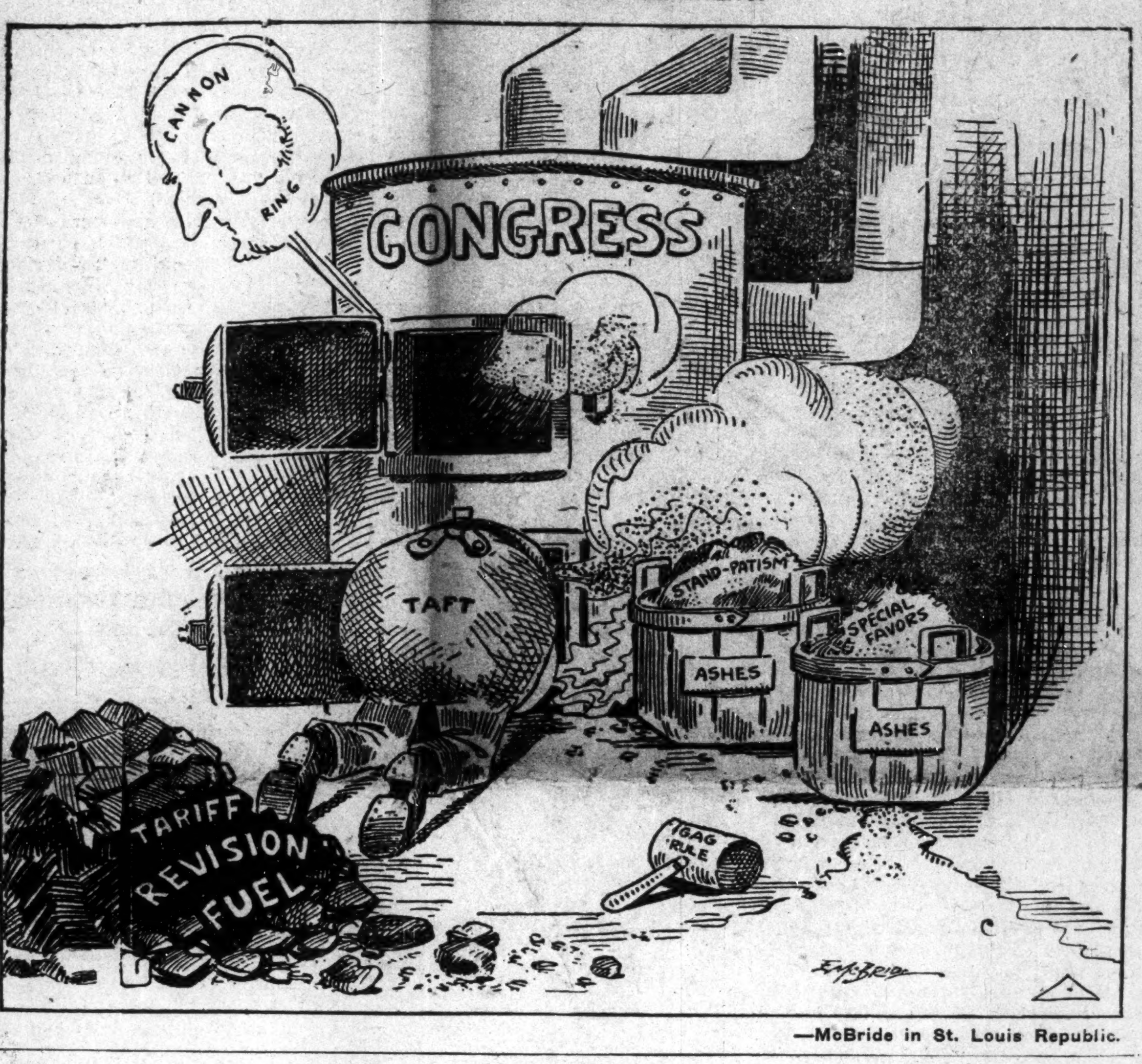
Congress comes on apace. The bill providing for the reimbursement of the losers of money in the ill-fated Freedmen's Bank will reappear, chaperoned by Rev. James L. White. Rev. S. Geriah Lamkins will ask for an appropriation of $100,000 to build a National Industrial and Training School for Colored Children in the District of Columbia. Rev. H. N. Newsome will ask for an appropriation of $250,000 in aid of the National Negro Fair, which is to becoem a permanent feature at Mobile, Ala. Howard University will endeavor to secure an increased allowance and an effort will also be made to provide for buildings for the Colored Normal School and M Street High School.

R. W. THOMPSON.

RAKING OUT THE CLINKERS.



—McBride in St. Louis Republic.

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DULUTH, MINN.

Special to T e Freeman.

The K. of P. Lodge, Grant No. 3, gave a grand promenade at Odd Fellows Hall Thanksgiving evening, which was largely attended. Committee on arrangements: Luther Dawson, chancellor, commander chairman; Mr. Hancock and Mr. Hall... The St. Mark's M. E. Church gave a Thanksgiving dinner at Kalamazoo Hall, given by the Ne Plus Ultra Club, which was a success financially. Committee: Miss B. Smith, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Cogmere, Miss Calhoun, Mrs. Eauins, Miss Calhoune, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Rev. Brewer. Dinner began at 11 a. m. an dlasted until 7 p. m...Elder Brewer, our popular pastor is trying to and expects to be in the parsonage of the new church this next Sunday...Mrs. H. M. Dawson expects to make a trip to California this spring... Miss Perry of Illinois is visiting G. N. Richey, 115 East Fifth street...Mrs. Cornelius Richey of Houghton, Mich., spent Thanksgiving with friends...Mr. and Mrs. Brown are back from the Dakotas for the winter...Mrs. Lottie Dawson spent Thanksgiving in Minot, N. D...Andrew Quinn is back from a visit in Chicago, Indianapolis, St. Paul and Minneapolis...Little Jimmie Drake did not get to go to Oplaka, Ala., for Thanksgiving. ...Mrs. N. Newman, the popular housekeeper of the Markean Hotel, is still at her post...Mrs. L. A. Artison will visit her sister, Mrs. Montgomery, of St. Paul soon...The Corinthian Social Club gave its first concert and dance at the Eagle's Hall Thanksgiving evening, which was well attended. Everyone had a grand time. The committee: W. A. Porter, chairman; Geo. B. Kelly, secretary; G. N. Richey, A. L. McCoy, W. M. Dawson.

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ST. PAUL, MINN.

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Thanksgiving day was generally observed in St. Paul by a cessation of public and private business. The Union services at St. James A. M. E. Church were par excellent. Rev. Boddy, pastor of the Zion Presbyterian Church, preached an excellent sermon. He gave us sidelights on historical facts interwoven with spiritual fervor...Harriet B. Hall has desk room with the Small Loan and Investment Co. and is prepared to do public stenography. Mrs. Hall was the head stenographer for the Golden Rule, the largest department store in the Northwest, for about eight years...The annual fair at the Pilgrim Baptist Church was quite a success financially as well as every one had a jolly good time...St. Paul's Society has quite an addition to its membership in the person of Mrs. Anna Evans, a bride of a month, who came to us from Kentucky...Rev. H. S. Graves is one of the most progressive preachers that has ever visited this great Northwest. St. James under his supervision has made remarkable strides. He announced Thanksgiving night that his church will also endeavor to put in a handsome pipe organ next year. Last Sunday ended one of the most successful rallies that St. James has had in recent years. Nearly $600 was raised. Mrs. Oliver Allen brought in the largest amount of money and won the prize of $20...Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Evans were badly beaten up on Thanksgiving night by three white ruffians. Mr. Evans, who is a carpenter and contractor, was laid up several days from his work. This makes the third or fourth time that some of our law-abiding citizens have been assaulted by white ruffians in the vicinity of the University car lines... Calvin D. Briggs has bought a home on Aurora avenue...J. Edgar Murphy will erect a handsome cottage in Hamline at a very early date...There will be a charity ball given for the benefit of the Crispus Attucks Colored Asylum on December 10. Craig Williams, the great Negro tenor singer, will be on the program, also Miss Harriet Loomis, Charles Miller and Richard Vivian, the buck and wing dancer...M. A. Bolling is perhaps doing more for his race than any other young Negro in the city. He is manager of the Boys' Culture Club and has managed it successfully for four years. The object of this club is to develop the physical and moral instinct of our boys. This is a noble work and we feel that the community is blessed with such an important factor...State Grand Master of the U. B. F., J. H. Dillingham, is making extensive preparations for the entertainment of the Grand Lodge next year...Miss Elizabeth Larue will graduate from Hamline University this term...The Negroes of the Twin Cities are being forced to believe in unity more and more every day, and the result is new businesses are springing up which are getting the patronage of our people...The Negro churches have proven a success, and why can we not unite to make creditable enterprises run by our people a success?...The People's barbershop has copies of The Freeman on sale each week...Watch for the St. Paul news.

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MINEOLA, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Fred Mitchell was very sick last week. ....Mr. Ben DeVarn died last week. He was about eighty-five years old....The weatehr is very wet and rainy here.... Mr. Columbus Davis was cutting wood last week and the tree broke his leg below the knee....Geo. Hill, the son of Rev. Hill, is in bed sick and has been for some time....The Freeman in club rates, one year for one dollars. See Sandy Anderson.

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CROW, TEX.

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This is a beautiful little place about twelve miles from Mineola on the T. & P. railroad. There is only one saloon in this place and C. V. Starkey does a good business....Frank Fouke has a large saw mill about two miles from Crow and he gives employment to about one hundred colored people and there are a large number of whites. There are two Negroes who pull trains over the railroad at Mr. Frank Fouke's saw mill and one white man. Negroes in the South can do the same work that other races can do.... Mr. Linny Starkes is in the restaurant business....You can get lumber of all kinds at the saw two miles from Crow, Tex....Read The Freeman, in club rates, $1.00 for one year. Apply to Sandy Anderson, Mineola, Tex.

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WEEKLY CURRENT EVENTS

THANKSGIVING OBSERVED IN ALL SECTIONS

DAUGHTERS OF CONFERENCE MEET

At Coraopolis, Pa.—Literary Society Renders Excellent Program—Sudden Death of Simon Calloway—Society Notes.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

On Sunday, November 29, at New Hope Baptist Church, Rev. J. L. Saunders preached at 11 a. m. The sermon was on "The Wages of Sin." At 3 p. m. Rev. Viola L. Stout, pastor of St. Paul's A. M. E. Zion Church, preached to a large congregation, and at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Saunders, pastor, preached a wonderful sermon...At Mt. Olive Baptist Church Rev. Dr. Shetton of Lynchburg, Va., preached to a large congregation at both services. Rev. Dr. Shetton will hold a series of meetings during the week...Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams of Sewickley, Pa., were visiting friends in town Sunday. ...Isaac Mitchell of Free street was visiting friends in Pittsburg Sunday...William Johnson, who has been employed at Scottsdale for several months, spent last Thanksgiving with his family...Alfred Sutton, who has been employed at Parkersburg, W. Va., spent Thanksgiving at home with his family and left on Thursday night for Scottsdale, Pa., where he will accept a position with the same company...Levi Elliott of Sewickley was visiting in town during the week...William Butler, the well-known trap drummer, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Annie Butler of Kirkwood street, Pittsburg, East End, after which he will leave to join Frank L. Mahara's minstrels, the finest colored company of its kind in the country...Arthur Barks, the well-known short stop and pitcher, has signed with the Jones and Glenn baseball team of Pittsburg. He is one of the fastest short stops in western Pennsylvania. ...Mrs. Maggie Strange of 803 Fraing avenue, left during the week for Chicago to visit the family of her brother, William Robinson, 3511 Annom avenue...Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis of 7708 Waverly street, East End, left December 1 for Los Angeles, Cal., to remain indefinitely... Chas. Anderson of the West End, Pittsburg, was visiting in town during the week...William Hill of Free street spent several days visiting friends in Pittsburg. ...On Thanksgiving night at the New Hope Baptist Church a very interesting concert was given by Jos. Smith, which was quite a success. The program follows: Scripture reading, Mr. McHanly; prayer by Pastor Rev. Sanders; paper by Miss Susie A. Newby; address by O. J. Douglas; recital, Miss D. P. Dorsey; recital, Miss Jos. Ferrell; reading, Andrew Farmer; recital, Miss E. Brown; recital, Miss Margaret Brown and Miss D. Douglas...Rev. Tibbs of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church preached a stirring sermon Sunday morning from the second chapter of Matthew...Miss Lucy Crockett, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Jos. Temer, left Tuesday to visit her sister, Miss Christian, in Ashtabulah...Rev. Crockett of Sheridan was a visitor in the city during the week...Mrs. Freeman of Scio is visiting Rev. V. L. Stout and her daughter Miss Avella Freeman...Mrs. Chas. Jenkins of Fifth avenue entertained at dinner Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Rev. V. L. Stout and Mrs. Freeman—Mr. Carter of Sewickley was visiting Miss L. Jenkins Sunday last...The Daughters of Conference met at the home of Mrs. Chas. Jenkins Thursday afternoon to organize their club, after which Mrs. Jenkins served a very elaborate lunch...Chas. Bomer of Goam, Cal., is visiting his parents and was the guest of Mrs. Jno. Temer Sunday last...Mrs. R. L. Swan underwent a very successful operation and is rapidly improving...The Home and Foreign Missionary Board gave a dinner Thanksgiving which was quite a success. The amount realized was $18.50. Mrs. Jno. Brown, president; Miss Mary Brown, secretary; committee. Mrs. Horace Owens, Mrs. Harriett Calhoun, Mrs. Samuel Kitchen, Mrs. Clara Payne, Mrs. Gea Beattie, Miss Lizzie Boyer, Arvella Freeman. Miss Porter rendered a very interesting program and all were pleased. The entire day was enjoyed by all who attended...The Literary of the A. M. E. Church had quite a nice program Friday last. Those taking part were Mrs. H. Owens, who rendered a solo; Miss Bessie Dickerson, recital; Mrs. Jos. Ferrell, recital; Emmett Smith, recital; Mrs. L. Boyer, recital; singing by the Evening Star Quartet; debate, "Resolved, Which isof the most benfit to the country, the farmer or the mechanic?" Nine points in favor of negative. Friday, December 4, the subject will be "Resolved, Which is of most benefit to the country, water or fire?"...Rev. V. L. Stout's subject for Sunday, December 6, is "I Have Played the Fool."...The birthday party given in honor of Miss Marie Brown was a swell affair. She received many nice presents. Those present were Miss Lizzie Taylor, Alberta Kitchen, Hazel Bell, Willie and Rosetta Boyer, Master Claudie and Leonora Genn, Cathlena Truthit, Margaret Franklin, Master Nathan Tomman...Herman Wells is slowly improving...Mrs. Chas. Jenkins' father is slowly improving...Subscribe for The Freeman, 802 First avenue, Mrs. Jos. Ferrel...The sudden death of Simon Calloway was a shock to Coraopolis. He was laid to rest Tuesday [illegible] November 3'. The family has th[illegible]pathy of the town.

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CRUM GETS ANOTHER TERM.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The President today decided to reappoint W. D. Crum (colored) collector of the port of Charleston, S. C. It was the original appointment of Crum that caused such a furore in the Senate three years ago in which Senator Tillman bitterly attacked the President.

FIRES AND INSURANCE

What Being Burned Out May Mean to a Business.

DAMAGE ONE CANNOT COVER.

Enormous Losses Caused by the Suspension of Operations and the Drifting Away of Trade That Are Not Appreciated by the General Public.

"I suppose you heard that Blank & Co. were burned out from the roof to the basement last night?" remarks the man in the car.

"No!" exclaims the friend who hasn't seen the morning paper. "I suppose they carried insurance?"

"Oh, yes—a hundred thousand of it!" returns the first speaker, at which his friend settles back with the comment that everything is all right then.

This is the layman's conclusion almost invariably. Some big concern burns out, but with insurance to an amount seeming to cover the loss the average man is disposed to feel that it is all right. He doesn't stop to think of the enormous risks of a business which cannot be covered by insurance and which for weeks, months or years after a fire are crippling and perhaps ruinous to the fire victim.

Take, for example, a highly organized factory plant in prosperous times which has been turning out a vast specialized product from the hands of thousands of expert workmen. This plant, fitted with costly machinery, is covered by insurance upon its visible, material assets. Fire sweeps it and lays everything in hopeless ruin. If every piece of machinery, every building and all material adjuncts of the plant have been covered to full value in such a plant, will the reader dare make a rough guess as to what the limitations of loss may be?

Only the other day I stepped into a bookbindery, unostentatious in its street signs and occupying a fifth floor in an obscure street. In the elevator shaft was that peculiar odor which marks the track of fire and firemen days and weeks after such an accident.

"Most of the fire was next door," explained the proprietor, "but I guess the smoke and the water were about as bad for us. Sometimes it is almost better to have the fire yourself than be next door to it."

Which seemed to be especially true of book material. Where smoke and soot had failed to blot and ruin the stock, water from the engines in the street had flooded it until ruin alone was descriptive. Everything had been closed down, workers in the plant were idle, and the proprietor was awaiting the adjustment of the insurance which he had been carrying. But in the extent of this insurance itself was a knotty situation.

Ordinarily the house had carried policies which would have left it the minimum of risk on its machinery, stock and materials. Ordinarily a still further blanket policy was carried for the purpose of covering the normal amount of book material on hand owned by others and contracted for rebinding. But only a few days before the fire the house had received a consignment of $5,000 worth of lawbooks to be bound. These volumes, aside from intrinsic value, represented so much of other value as to make the risk abnormal for almost any season. And these books were ruined.

Before receiving them the binder had asked the owners to take out a policy for themselves protecting them against such fire loss. The firm had not done so, and when the fire damage came the disposition of the owners was to hold the binder for them under one of the binder's blanket policies.

On this one disputed point, taking it into court, will some one make a guess as to what this one feature of the fire may cost the binder, who to all purposes was "insured," if it should be settled in the supreme court after five or seven years, for example?

But in the case of the big manufactory, with its imported special machinery, its season of rush work and its enormous and fluctuating stock of material—if on the morning after the fire the assuring companies settle in full for the visible losses, how much has the company been damaged?

Of first consideration, perhaps, is the enormous payroll of the concern. If most of the mechanical work of the plant has been done by pieceworkers, still the necessary force of directing employees on salary is a problem. The determination of the owners is to start up anew. Tried and proved employees must be retained while the work of rehabilitation goes on. They must be paid even if they are to do no more than wait. Settlement of some kind must be made with contractors who have been supplying raw materials from the hands of other thousands of workers. No matter what the clauses in contracts providing immunity in case of fires, strikes and acts of Providence, every line of business affecting the welfare of the manufactory has been affected.

The plant is a total loss. Before it can be rebuilt the ruins of the old factory must be cleared away.

In the meantime all the customers of the manufactory who have been pressing for the filling of contract orders find themselves short of any chance for receiving them. They turn at once to other competing establishments for the work. Not only does the burned out firm lose all chance of profits from this work, but it is running a long chance of losing some of its oldest and best customers of years' standing.—Chicago Tribune.

A DREADFUL WEAPON.

The Slashing Sharks' Teeth Club of the Polynesians.

Clubs were the weapons of primitive and savage man. Ancient specimens from Mexico are heavy sticks grooved along the side for the insertion of blades of bosidian—that is, volcanic glass. The Sioux club is a flat piece of wood, curving and widening away from the grip and terminating in a spherical head, which in modern times carries a long spike, while the blades of several butcher knives are commonly inserted along the margin. The national museum of the United States possesses a great variety of these shocking weapons, designed, as the frontiersmen say, to "knock down the white man and then to brain him and cut him into mince meat." The Kingsmill islanders and other Polynesians make dreadful slashing weapons by securing rows of sharks' teeth along a haft of wood.

These weapons vary from a few inches to sixteen feet in length, and it has been said that in all the range of weapons devised by mankind there is nothing more blood curdling to behold. They show how the sword may have been evolved from the club even by tribes unacquainted with the use of metals. African weapons, again, are exceedingly complicated owing to the acquaintance of the natives with iron. The standard club is converted into a sort of tomahawk by the addition of blades or into a primitive spear by the addition of a sharp spud. The plain clubs in the African area are used chiefly for throwing.

The small knobbed clubs, or "kerries," such as are found among the Kaffirs and other African tribes, are generally used as missiles. Whereas the club proper was soon brought to perfection among savage tribes and was long ago abandoned as a weapon of civilized warfare, the missile—typified by the thrown clubs or "kerries"—is still being improved upon in boomerangs, bows and arrows, crossbows and firearms.

BEETHOVEN AND BUSINESS.

Selling His Music Was Distasteful to the Great Composer.

An extremely interesting article which has appeared in a German musical and theatrical paper under the above heading contains the following statement, says a London exchange: Beethoven never bargained in the ordinary way. His fees for a composition were demanded briefly and in a decided manner, and he always pointed out when mentioning a price that he meant guineas and not sovereigns, or, rather, their equivalent in Austrian coin. In 1801 he wrote to a music firm at Leipzig: "Now the unpalatable business part is done with. I wish things could be managed differently in this world. There should be only one music publisher to whom the artist might take his work, knowing that he might ask a fee according to his requirements. As it is, he has to be partly a tradesman. Good heavens, how different and unpalatable this is!" But this pious wish was never fulfilled, and Beethoven had to remain "half a tradesman" to the end.

As a suggestion of how dedications are occasionally made, the following letter, which Beethoven wrote to the same publisher in 1802 from Vienna, is interesting:

"The lady in question can have a sonata, and I will do my best to carry out her aesthetic ideas. The price is 5 guineas (ducaten), and for this she may retain the sonata for a year as her private property, but not for publication. At the end of the year the sonata becomes my property—that is to say, I have the right to publish it, and if she thinks it an honor she may ask to have the work dedicated to her."

This, from the business point of view of the lady in question, is surely a tempting offer. At least, so the art patroness of today would think if she had a chance of suggesting to a Beethoven the "aesthetic idea" for a sonata, to retain such a treasure in her own hands for a twelvemonth and thereafter have it dedicated to her—and all for 5 guineas!

The Proper Word.

Reckoning from the standpoint of the lexicographer, Ruth, aged seven, committed an unpardonable assault on the king's English, but the seventy-five other persons living in that apartment house would swear that she chose the proper word. Ruth's comment concerned the vocal gymnastics of a lady who was learning to sing.

"She is having her voice difficulted," said Ruth, and every one of the seventy-five nerve racked neighbors echoed, "She is."—New York Times.

Three Signs.

Peculiarities of signs are a source of never ending delight to some people. One man reached his office grinning the other morning because on his way downtown he had seen three signs that read as follows: "Teddy Bears Retailed," "Baby Carriages Retired" and "Umbrellas Recovered." — New York Post.

Defined.

"John," she said, looking up from the paper, "what is a political boomerang?"

"Why, I'd define it," he answered, "as a roorback on the return trip."—Philadelphia Ledger.

His Idea of Luck.

Blobbs—Bjones is the most unlucky fellow at cards I ever met. Slobbs—Then I suppose he is lucky in love. Blobbs—I suppose so. At any rate, he has never been married.—Philadelphia Record.

A FATAL CARD.

How It Killed the Religious Department of the London Times.

When the Thunderer decided to devote one or more of its columns daily to an ecclesiastical department all England sat up and admired. The man chosen to conduct the column was a rather elderly and occasionally convivial younger son who for years had contributed church news to the paper, but had never dreamed that he should attain the extreme honor of actually becoming one of the editors of the Thunderer, that world shaking power. The promotion went to his head, made him dizzy. He saw himself a power in the land, one who perhaps would make or unmake ecclesiastical dignitaries.

On the morning of the announcement of the new venture the new incumbent came into town on his usual train from Surbiton, his head swimming with delight. At the foot of Ludgate hill he met an old friend, whom he forthwith led into the Green Dragon bar.

"Arthur," said he, "we really must celebrate. What d' you suppose has happened? Oh, you'd never, never dream it! Look! What d' you say to that, old boy?"

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Before he reached Temple Bar the ecclesiastical editor had met five other friends. To the fifth he observed:

"D' ye know, Ned, with that card I could call on the ar-archbish'p 'f Canterbury. Yes. He'd see me immediately. Won'erf'l card this. Indicates position 'f strordinary responsibility 'n' dignity."

Halfway to the office of the Thunderer Mr. Botsford-Hetherington hailed a hansom.

"Have you," he inquired, with much gravity—"have you a fast and well appointed cab? Yes? Very well, then. You may drive me to Lambeth palace."

At the palace a footman took one of the new cards and conducted the owner of it to a pleasant reception room, where he snuggled in a vast chair and instantly went to sleep.

The archbishop of Canterbury happened to be very busy with his chaplain, but at the sight of the card he felt sure that something of importance was at hand and sent his chaplain to inquire. That tall, slender, dark, ascetic gentleman strode slowly to the reception room and after a slight but decorous struggle succeeded in waking the caller.

"His grace," said the chaplain, "begs to know how he can serve the Thunderer?"

"Tell his grace," responded Mr. Botsford-Hetherington, "that I'm awf'ly busy thinking and I'm sorry I shan't be able to see him till tomorrow. Very sorry."

Forthwith he relapsed into slumber. Two sturdy men deposited him in his fast and well appointed cab and ordered the driver to deliver him at the office of the Thunderer. There the ecclesiastical editor and the ecclesiastical department simultaneously vanished.—Harper's Weekly.

Truth Versus Politeness.

Ethel was going to take supper with a little friend.

"Now, dear," said her mother, "when you are leaving you must bid Marian's mamma good night and tell her you have had a very pleasant time."

When the little girl returned her mother asked if she had done as she told her.

"Not 'zactly, mamma," was the reply. "Marian took the biggest piece of the apple and spilled lemonade on my new dress, so I couldn't say what you told me, but I told her mother good night and said I guessed Marian had had a very pleasant time."—Judge.

Called Him In Writing.

A tourist in an out of the way region of England put up one night at an amiable old lady's cottage, the village inn being full. Now, the tourist was very deaf, which fact he took pains to impress upon the old lady, together with instructions to wake him at a particular hour in the morning. On waking a good deal later than the time appointed he found that the amiable old lady, with commendable regard for propriety, had slipped under his door a slip of paper on which was written:

"Sir, it is half past 8!"—Harper's Weekly.

Her Husband's Business.

"Now, madam," said the gas man with the gray curl in the middle of his forehead after he had asked her twenty questions more or less apropos of her application for the privilege of paying for gas, "what is your husband's business? What is he doing now?"

"I can't be sure, of course," the woman replied, "but I have my suspicions. I had to divorce him before he died."—New York Press.

A Stinging Retort.

Wax Bead (proudly)—I am going in a necklace which I am assured cannot be told from real pearls. Brass Ring (sarcastically)—Aw, they're stringing you.—Baltimore American.

As a Caution.

Weeks—The true American always saves the under dog in the fight. Wise—Yes, and then gives him a swift kick for being chump enough to get into it—Boston Transcript.

In infants levity is a prettiness, in men grown a shameful defect, but in old age a monstrous folly.

THE DRUG FIEND.

Hasheesh Makes Its Slave Utterly Useless For Any Service.

One of the drugs that are most striking in their effects is hasheesh, or Cannabis indica, largely taken in Asiatic countries, where I used myself to meet its votaries. Its chief peculiarity is to make one believe with all his might whatever is suggested to him.

If he is an Arab, tell him that he is a sultan, and straightaway he orders heads to be cut off. Tell him he is a rooster, and he will crow. I knew of two Americans who experimented on themselves, and when the first was told that he was like a locomotive he snorted and whistled and kept going round the table puffing and blowing until he dropped from sheer fatigue.

The other somehow conceived the idea that he was dead and forthwith gave elaborate directions for his own funeral till he waxed wroth at the unseemly mirth of his companions when they should have wept.

Hasheesh makes its slave utterly useless for any service, and so with the other drugs. Their victims one and all end in becoming do-nothings. Self made do-nothings, or those who are so by drug taking, are much worse than useless.

As they usually do not begin till as adults they reach the working period of life, they become wretched burdens on the real workers, since our social system lacks any constitutional enactment whereby, as occurs in a community of bees, the workers systematically put their drones to death.

The opium fiend from long living in an unreal world becomes transformed into the most all round liar in the land, the very embodiment of unveracity. One of them victimized me with a loan that he might go and close the eyes of his dying mother when her eyes needed no such closing for years afterward.

Another sent from a western city to his wife a telegram which purported to come from an undertaker demanding money to pay for shipping his body home. This money, when it came, he, and unfortunately no undertaker, pocketed and then went his way.

We all know what the confirmed drunkard becomes, but not till the judgment day will the whole story be known of the griefs and tears of the innocent ones whom the drunkard made to suffer while he was here.—Everybody's Magazine.

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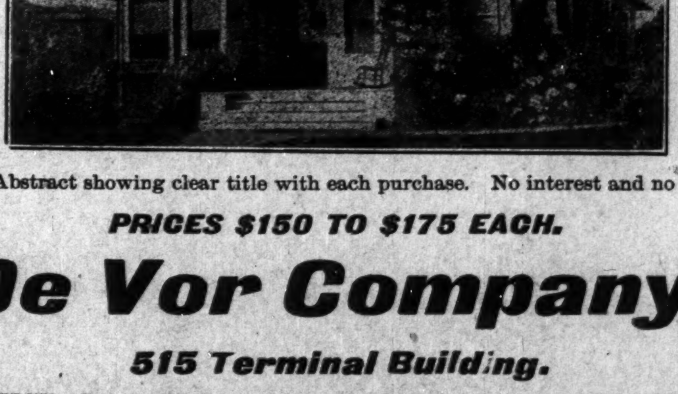

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By W. Forrest Cozart.

RACE PROGRESS.

Much has been written in the past few years about the progress of the Negro, so much so that most of us have become vain enough to think and often assert that we have attained complete development as a race, and are therefore the white man's equal, possessing the capacity, intelligence, etc., which fits us for self-government. But the careful observer who is able to lay aside the race phase of the subject and carefully scrutinize the race through the same microscopic lens as other races are viewed, will be surprised no doubt upon discovering much deformity or undeveloped quantities which are essential to race building.

The race having made such miraculous progress along the educational line, one naturally expects it to have developed in proportion along other lines, especially those so closely allied with education. That the race has not made an even progress along all lines, under close observation, will be readily seen. The greatest deficit, however, to my mind, is *a lack of race pride* and under this heading as important adjuncts are *independence, honesty of purpose, free speech,* and *equal rights to all.*

To become a fully developed race, there must be first of all race pride; the love of the race must be instilled into the babies while yet young. This should be done along the lines laid down by Froebel, the founder of the kindergarten system, and when the young girl or boy having had such tutalage will have reached the age of maturity, they will then have been baptized in the fire of race love. Has this been done? Is it being done now? No, and the echo answers no. This, then, is the main cause of our shortcomings, our present day deficiency, our lack of race pride.

If we possessed the true race love we would be clannish like the Jew, the Swede and other races, and would try to get together instead of continually trying to get away from ourselves. We would be clannish and on all subjects in which one of us were concerned we would all be concerned. As a point of illustration we will take the State of Minnesota, which is mostly populated by Swedes and other Skandinavians. At least 90 per cent of these people are Republicans and they have made the "North Star State" a fixture in the Republican column. For years and years the Republican ticket contained candidates of other nationalities, but the Swedes voted the ticket and elected the candidates. In the course of time the Swedes wanted one of their own race on the ticket, but the Republicans would not stand for it. In 1904 the Democrats nominated a Swede (Johnson) for Governor. The Republicans laughed at them and nominated "Bob" Dunn for Governor, saying to themselves that the Swedes are Republicans, always voted the ticket and though the Democrats had offered them a bait in nominating one of their race, they would still vote with the Republicans. But the Republicans reckoned without their host. They had been soft-soaping, bucoing and giving Negroes this kind of dope and thought they had the Swedes in their grasp, but when the ballots were counted they were dismayed when Johnson had been elected Governor on the Democratic ticket and at the same time Roosevelt had carried the State by 75,000. Johnson served his term with credit and two years later was re-nominated and again beat the Republican candidate. Te Republicans had now learned that the Swedes were a race-loving people, who put race above party. Fully realizing that with the Swedes against them they could not hope to win, they tried a new trick and nominated a Swede for Governor, hoping to win back enough Swedes to carry the State. Johnson was again his party's nominee and although Taft carried the State by about 80,000 he (Johnson) was again elected by 25,000.

Another case of race pride was recently demonstrated by the Filipinos in the elections held in Manila recently. Several candidates were running for the Municipal Board, among them two Filipinos. The Americans attempted to divide the Filipinos and make them fight each other and thus defeat the Filipinos' candidates, but this ruse, which always works when tried on Negroes, did not fool the Filipinos and as a result both Filipino candidates were elected and now the Americans are trying to oust them by charging fraud, but the Filipino population is thoroughly aroused and are demanding their rgihts.

When the Negro's race pride forces him to place race above party politics, then and not until then, will the Negro become a powerful factor in American politics. The Negro has not as yet reached that elevation in the path of race progress where he is enabled to see the advantages of independence and race cohesion in politics. They have wandered around in the wilderness for forty years, during which time the true political leaders have died. New hands are now directing the party and those at the helm care not for the Negro's past nor for his future and have left him to grope his way out of the wilderness the best he can.

Honesty of purpose should apply to every act of all good citizens, but right here we wish to apply it to the Negro preachers and bishops, who so willingly turn the house of God into a bawdy house of political mongers and sold their religion, as it were, for thirty pieces of silver. In all our boasts of race progress, the bishops and ministers are debauching the church with political bargains. We have often condemned the course of Negroes joining churches over which only white bishops preside. In this, however, we have presumably been too hasty. In the last campaign we notice that colored churches presided over by white bishops were not turned into political halls, even so the white bishops did not degrade themselves by holding political meetings in their several churches. Bishops and ministers, like all other men, should have honesty of purpose, and respect the house of God. Oh, how these same preacher-politicians and their fellows did "holler" when a few other preachers and their followers dared to hold meetings in the interest of the other party.

It is at this junction where the importance of freedom of speech plays an important part. White men can oppose each other in all kinds of ways, but they never resort to stifling the freedom of speech. But not so with the colored man; as soon as one of the race dares to express himself contrary to the views of others, then the other faction is ready to shut off freedom of speech by force or violence and thus establish a dangerous precedent in which they themselves will fall victims sooner or later. Of all races the colored race should be the last to attempt to stifle freedom of speech. Think of Garrison, John Brown, Lovejoy, Bundy and others, and what hard times they had in expressing themselves in the anti-slavery crusade. It is in such important circumstances that the colored men both great and small plainly show that they, after all, are not yet very well developed.

As a race we have not yet reached the point where we can brave criticism and at the same time brush aside prejudice and give every man equal rights, though he has the courage to express a difeernt opinion. It is absolutely necessary for the race to straighten out the above and many other kinks and nicks before we have fully developed to the stage of self-government. W. Forrest Cozart.

The waiters of Louisville, Ky., and especially of the Seelbach Hotel, entertained the Cole & Johnson show in that city recently.

Congress will convene next Monday and the waiters of Washington will be able to have full dinner pails for the next few months.

George Sparks, third waiter in the absence of both the head and second waiter, is acting headwaiter at the Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, N. J.

Among the many men of rank, whom the editor of this department knew when they were filling the position of waiter, we may mention the name of Bob Cole. We knew "Bob" as a waiter at the St. Louis Hotel, Lake Minnetonka, Minn.

It is now said that Wm. White will return to the Ponce de Leon, St. Augustine, Fla. There seemed for a while to have been a hitch somewhere which kept everyone guessing, but now it is said on good authority that Mr. White will again be in charge.

George H. Emory, the affable headwaiter at the Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, N. J., after several months of illness returned to his old post of duty, but after a few weeks work found it necessary to make a trip South, where he will hunt duck and enjoy other outdoor sport for several weeks in order to get the benefit of the fresh air.

H. D. White, who has been selected as second waiter for the Alcazar Cafe, St. Augustine, Fla., is the well-known ex-secretary of the Head and Side Waiters' National Benefit Association and ex-editor of the Dining Room Recorder. For the past two seasons he has been one of the officers of the Colonial Hotel, Bahama Islands, W. I., of which Harvey C. Green is headwaiter.

A headwaiter at one of the big Atlantic City hotels lectured his men just before the election, saying that if he knew of any one of them voting for Bryan he would discharge them on the spot. The very next day after the election a mysterious incident happneed, which was in no way connected with politics. This same headwaiter was called to the office and promptly discharged on the spot, and now he is running around in the snow looking for a job.

We are much pleased to note the fact that several of the Western railroads have adopted a merit system and will promote the dining car waiters to dining car conductors, and sleeping car porters to conductors wherever proven proficient. For many years the colored men have been doing this work but white men have been drawing the pay. The waiters always have to teach the new conductor his business and the porter likewise has instructed the conductors and continually do most of their work. In the new turn of affairs we hope that the right men will be promoted and they will so conduct themselves that every dining car will in the near future be in charge of colored conductors and every sleeping car in charge of colored conductors likewise.

A COLORED CONTRACTOR BID TOO LOW.

A certified check for $4,750, submitted by John Jenkins, a colored contractor, in bidding on the proposed Brightwood sewer, was declared forfeited by the Board of Public Works to-day, following the failure of Jenkins to sign a contract and file a bond for the work.

Jenkins, with his attorney, M. L. Clawson, appeared before the board and explained that Jenkins had made an error in bidding that would make the job not only unprofitable, but would cause him to lose considerable money. Because of that fact, they said, Jenkins had been unable to fiind any one to finance the work or furnish the bond necessary.

The board held that the check was intended to liquidate damages to the city in case Jenkins failed to carry out the contract and that they could see no legal grounds for retunring the check. Steps were taken immediately to stop payment on the check and Clawson said that legal action, either enjoining the board from forfeiting the check or a replevin suit to obtain the check, would be brought soon.

Jenkins' Bid Lowest.

Jenkins is said to be unable to write any more than his name and that he had some one else to do the figuring for him on the proposed sewer, which will cost approximately $190,000. When the bids were opened it was found that Jenkins had bid $1.26 a lineal foot lower than his nearest competitor. His bid was $9.03 a lineal foot.

When the people who had expected to finance Jenkins began figuring on his bid, they found that several errors had been made in bidding. These errors, as stated before the board, were as follows: Excavations, $1,543.22; catch basins, $510; concrete work figured at $3.50 a yard, instead of $4.50 a yard, making an error of $10,000; cost of water, $2,000; inspectors, $500; cleaning up after work is completed, $847; excavations at lateral cuts, were local sewers wil connect with the trunk, $500. Each of the figures named was that much lower than should have been bid on the individual items.

Notes Given to Banks.

It was said today that Jenkins had given notes to a local bank for the amount of the certified check and that to collect the notes the bank would have to bring suit against Jenkins. He is said to own real estate in excess of the amount of the check.

It was suggested by the board that Jenkins bring suit against the city to enjoin it from turning the check into the city's general fund until the question had been settled in the courts. Otherwise, if Jenkins won the case and the money had been turned into the general fund, the City Council would have to make a special appropriation to refund the $4,750.

When the board heard that Jenkins had stopped payment on the check, the members said the city would probably have to bring suit to compel the bank to pay it.

The board this morning ordered that advertisement be made for new bids at once.—Indianapolis News.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE OF THE M. E. AFRICAN MISSIONS.

Our oldest foreign mission is Liberia on the West Coast of Africa. Our oldest mission property is the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Monrovia. The establishment of our work in Africa, and the re-echoing of the stirring appeal of Melville B. Cox, "Let a thousand die rather than Africa be given up," is to be appropriately observed. A Diamond Jubilee Commission, with the approval of the Church, has been organized. As the Church was stirred in the two years past in behalf of India and China, so it is hoped the Church will be stirred in the interest of Africa. The campagin will be opened in earnest on the first day of January, 1909. Bisop Harzell and Bishop Scott are giving considerable atention to the directing of this campaign and it is hoped that at least $300,000 during this Diamond Jubilee will be raised for Africa so far as the Methodist Episcopal Church is concerned, and the Church ought to enter heartily into this campaign and better equip our missions in Africa so that larger and better work may be done. Bishop Hartzell has just had a visit with President Roosevelt at Washington. The particular subject under consideration during this visit was the Africa Diamond Jubilee. President Roosevelt's going to Africa will awaken new interest in that continent and the Bishop seized upon this opportunity to lay before the President the possible impetus he might give to Christian misions. The entire plan for the celebration of the establishment of Methodist Episcopal missions in Africa was unfolded before the President and his interest was solicited. Mr. Roosevelt said to Bishop Hartzell, "Bishop call upon me for any service. I will help you any way I can." The indications are that President Roosevelt will give a characteristic, vigorous endorsement to this enterprise, which we hope will be given thereby such a momentum that the entire Church and country will be stirred in the interest of missions in Africa.—Southwestern Christian Advocate.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF THE A. M. E. CHURCH.

SECOND DISTRICT, 1908.
L. J. Coppin, Presiding.

North Carolina Conference, Fayetteville, N. C., November 18.

Western N. C. Conference, Asheville, N. C., November 25.

THIRD EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.
Bishop W. B. Derrick, Presiding.

Organization of the West Virginia Conference, October 20.

FOURTH EPI,COPAL DISTRICT.
Bishop T. C. Shaffer, D. D., Presiding.

The West Kentucky Conference, Franklin, Ky., October 21.

SIXTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.
Annual Conference Session, 1908.
Bishop Charles Spencer Smith, Presiding.

Georgia—Fitzgerald, Ga., October 22, A. Cooper. To preach annual sermon, R. H. Singleton; missionary sermon, R. V. Branch.

North Georgia—Rockmart, Ga., October 29, J. H. Hall, P. E.; R. Crumley, pastor. To preach the annual sermon, C. L. Williams; missionary sermon, C. A. Wingfield.

Southwest Georgia—Arlington, Ga., November 12, J. T. Barr, P. E.; D. W. Moman, pastor. To preach the annual sermon, J. W. Mitchell; missionary sermon, John Cooper.

Macon, Dublin, Ga., November 19, F. L. Reeves, P. E.; F. F. Boddie. Rev. James Simpkins, pastor.

Louisiana Conference will convene in St. James A. M. E. Church, January 16, at Franklin, La. Rev. J. H. Little, pastor.

TENTH EPISCOPAL DI.TRICT.
Bishop Evans Tyree, Presiding.

West Texas Conference at Branham, October 28. Rev. R. S. Slaughter, pastor.

Central Texas Conference at Cameron, November 4. Rev. H. K. Solomon, pastor.

N. E. Texas Conference, at Sherman, November 18. Rev. E. W. Wright, pastor.

Texas Conference, at Crockett, November 11. Rev. G. W. Hamilton, pastor.

ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.
Bishop M. B. Salters, Presiding.

Florida Conference, November 25, Quincy, Fla.

West Florida Conference, December 9, at Apalachiola.

East Florida Conference, December 16, at Live Oak, Fla.

Central Florida Conference, January 27, 1909, at Dunnellon, Fla.

South Florida Conference, February 24, 1909, at Palatka, Fla.

TWELFTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.
Bishop H. B. Parks, Presiding.

Tennessee Conference, Shelbyville, October 21.

West Tennessee Conference, Paris, October 28.

North Alabama, November 3.

Alabama, November 10.

Central Alabama, November 17.

East Alabama, November 24.

THIRTEENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.
Bishop W. H. Heard, D. D., Presiding.

Liberia Conference, Monrovia, Liberia, February 3, 1909.

Sierra Leone Conference, Freetown, Sierra Leone, March 3, 1909.

Gold Coast Conference, Cape Coast Castle, West Africa, April 27, 1909.

FOURTEENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.
J. Albert Johnson, Bishop.

Joint Conference at Aliwal, North Cape Colony, Wednesday, February 10, 1909, at 9:30 a. m.

Atlanta, Newman, November 26, J. R. Fleming, P. E.; D. R. Forbes, pastor. To preach the annual sermon, L. A. Townsley; missionary sermon, S. B. Sims.

Each annual conference will open Thursday morning at 9 o'clock sharp.

CONFERENCE OF THE SEVENTH DISTRICT.

The Columbia Conference, Abbeville, November 25, Rev. D. K. Lyles, D. D., pastor.

The Northeast South Carolina Conference, Orangeburg, December 2. Rev. W. P. Carolina, D. D., pastor.

The South Carolina Conference, Bethel Church, Georgetown, December 9. Rev. R. W. Mance, D. D., pastor.

B. F. LEE.

EIGHTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.
E. W. Lampton, Presiding Bishop.

Northeast Mississippi Conference will convene in St. Mark's A. M. E. Church November 11, 1908, at Tupelo, Miss. Rev. W. M. Brown, pastor.

The Mississippi Conference will convene in St. James' A. M. E. Church, November 18, at Meridian, Miss. Rev. H. H. Buckingham, pastor.

Central Mississippi Conference will convene in St. James' A. M. E. Church, November 25, at Leland, Miss. Rev. W. M. Brown, pastor.

North Mississippi Conference will convene in Bethel A. M. E. Church, December 9, at Friar's Point, Miss. Rev. J. E. Brown, pastor.

North Louisiana Conference will convene in St. Stephen's A. M. E. Church, December 16, 1908.

Bishop J. S. Flipper, Presiding.

Indian Mission Conference, Boley, Ok., October 28. Annual sermon by Rev. T. H. Tyson.

Oklahoma Conference, Langston, Okla., November 4. Annual sermon by Rev. W. R. Beamer.

Arkansas Conference, Jonesboro, Ark., November 11. Annual sermon by Rev. V. M. Townsend.

West Arkansas Conference, Hope, Ark., East Arkansas Conference, Marianna, Ark., December 2. Annual sermon by J. E. Pennington. November 18. Annual sermon by Rev. Rev. G. W. Mitchel.

South Arkansas Conference, Warren, Ark., November 25. Annual sermon by Rev. L. D. McCullom.

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When Great Britain's statute book was still in the Draconian state from which it was redeemed by Sir Samuel Romilly and the penalty of death was inflicted for the most trivial offenses, surgeons were exempted from serving on juries in capital cases.

It must not be supposed, however, that this was because their profession was believed to make them too humane for such work as was then imposed on jurymen. We are sorry to say it was for the opposite reason. They were exempted on the same ground as butchers, whose occupation, it was thought, tended to make them too bloodthirsty.

This ought not perhaps surprise us, since two or three centuries ago executioners not infrequently performed surgical operations. This seems to have been particularly the case in Denmark. At any rate, we have more knowledge on this point in regard to that country than any other.

In Janus some time ago Dr. K. Caroe of Copenhagen published a number of documents bearing on the subject. The most ancient of these bears date July 24, 1579, and is a license issued by Frederick II. to Anders Freimut, executioner of Copenhagen, granting him the right to set bones and treat old wounds. He was expressly forbidden to meddle with recent wounds. In 1609 it is recorded in the municipal archives of Copenhagen that Gaspar, the hangman, had received four rigsdalers for the cure of two sick children in the infirmary.

In 1638 Christian IV. summoned the executioner of Gluckstadt, in Holstein, to examine the diseased foot of the crown prince. In a letter addressed to Ole Worm, a leading Danish physician of the day, Henry Koster, physician in ordinary to the king, complains bitterly of the slight thus put upon him. He says that for two whole months the hangman, "who is as fit to treat the case as an ass is to play the lyre," had the case in hand, and the doctor was not asked for advice, and, although the case went steadily from bad to worse, the executioner received a fee of 200 rigsdalers and a large silver goblet—"rewards," says the doctor plaintively, "which the greatest among us would not have received had he succeeded in curing the prince according to the rules of art."

Again, in 1681, Christian V. gave a fee of 200 rigsdalers to the Copenhagen hangman for curing the leg of a page. In 1695 Andreas Liebknecht, the Copenhagen executioner, was in such repute or his treatment of disease that he wrote a book on the subject "in the name of the holy and ever blessed Trinity." In 1732 Bergen, an executioner in Norway, was authorized by royal decree to practice surgery.

Even up to the early years of the nineteenth century this extraordinary association of surgery with the last penalty of the law continued. Erik Peterson, who was appointed public executioner at Trondhjem in 1796, served as surgeon to an infantry regiment in the war with Sweden and retired in 1814 with the rank of surgeon major. Frederick I. of Prussia chose his favorite hangman, Coblenz, to be his physician in ordinary.

It might be suspected that this peculiar combination of functions had its origin in a satirical view of the art of healing, but in the records we have quoted we can trace nothing of the kind. Perhaps the executioner drove a trade in human fat and other things supposed to possess marvelous healing properties. He may thus have come to be credited with skill in healing, though the association surely represents the lowest degree to which the surgeon has ever fallen in public esteem and social position. Compared with the hangman, a gladiator and even an undertaker may be considered respectable.—British Medical Journal.

"Painting the Town Red."

"That expression, 'painting the town red,' is not," writes a correspondent, "the creation of some unknown cockney genius, as some would seem to infer. Its birth has been traced to 'The Divine Comedy.' Dante, led by Virgil, comes to the cavernous depths of the place swept by a mighty wind where those are confined who have been the prey of their passions. Two faces arise from the mist—the faces of Francesca and Paolo. 'Who are ye?' cries Dante in alarm, and Francesca replies sadly, 'We are those who have painted the world red with our sins.'"—London News.

Development.

"Remember," said the earnest inventor, "it isn't so many years since the telephone caused laughter."

"That's true," answered the man who has trouble with central. "At first it caused laughter; now it causes profanity."—Washington Star.

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Mrs. Shellpod—Hiram, some o' them there hobos hev stole the wash offen the line ag'in! Farmer Shellpod—Haow dew you know they wuz hobos? Mrs. Shellpod—Becuz they tuk everything but th' towels.—Chicago News.

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Perhaps the Presidency of Haiti is equivalent to a throne.

Another Negro daily paper is promised. It will be published in Chattanooga, Tenn. Can't afford to say anything excepting—hope it success.

James N. Shelton, undertaker, is an aspirant for a Federal position. Mr. Shelton is a young man of ability, aggressive in his politics and an unimpeachable Republican.

A Sunday afternoon paper is the newest kink in journalism. The Washington Times will try that experiment. It looks as if it might be satisfied at getting it out in the morning.

According to report, New Orleans, with a Negro population of 90,000, has fifteen Negro doctors. Chicago's Negro population does not exceed 50,000; it has forty Negro doctors. How about it?

Sir Harry H. Johnston, of England, in company with Booker T. Washington, will visit many of the Negro schools for the purpose of studying the Negroes' condition from an educational standpoint.

W. J. Bryan has made reprisal on the Roosevelt preserves. Recently he shot a bear in Mexico. The bear, when first wounded, attempted to hug Mr. Bryan. It was laid low, however, before it got in its deadly work.

The leading book and stationery store of Greenville, Miss., is conducted by a Negro. If it were another kind of business one could judge just what Mr. Granville Carter is doing. Some people do not care very much for books.

A great exposition is proposed for the State of Indiana to be held in 1811. It would be a great advantage to the State. Many thoughtful men, however, are doubting the wisdom of the movement, insisting that there is no necessity.

A new Bera for the Negroes of Kentucky is well under way. A tract of land one mile square has already been selected. The most notable donors so far are Andrew Carnegie, $200,000, and Mrs. Russell Sage, $25,000. The plan includes largely industrial features.

Illinois will have one Negro in its Legislature; a Negro County Commissioner was elected in Chicago. Dr. Lane, the Representative-elect, is also of Chicago. It is believed that he is the only Negro of the Northern States who will be in the Legislature. Ohio lost out for the first time in years.

The outbreak in Haiti is one of the usual happenings. It looks as if the opposition will succeed in shoving the grand old man of Haiti from power. The need of an insurrection in such a country where the people have an opportunity to retire their Presidents at given periods is not seen. If he were king, with a life-long tenure of office, then a revolt would have some plausibility, provided he had no thought of the welfare of his people. As we see it, the Haitiens should endure until the end of the term of President and then make their preference manifest at the polls.

The growing interest in advancing rural schools is commended, and soon the farmer's children will have equal advantages with the city schools. The spirit of self-help that is awaking in our people is encouraging, and we will advance in proportion as we realize the supreme importance of supplementting the school funds, building school houses and taking a deeper interest in affairs of education. The value of a community is measured materially, morally and intellectually by the progress of its schools. The farmers are now reaping rewards of their labors. Let them remember that dollars put in education will yield handsome returns.—The Educator.

The well-known Chicagoan, Pony Moore, said to have grown wealthy in the saloon business, has been on trial in the Federal Court of that city charged with concealing assets in order to defraud creditors after he had filed a petition in bankruptcy.

Moore was indicted several months ago following an investigation by the government when charges were made by creditors and the trustees in bankruptcy that Moore had concealed $5,000 worth of assets with the purpose of keeping them from his creditors. The concealed assets, it is alleged, consisted of jewelry and household furnishings.

Since his indictment Moore's house, at 3314 Calumet avenue, was robbed of $2,000 worth of pictures and bric-a-brac, according to police reports.

The impression has always been class fare. The field is the first step that Japan wanted peace, nothing else. Finally that country has impressed the greater governments that it will get along with them if they will but say the word. Our own country is among them, and which, like Japan, is peacefully inclined, conceding the same to other countries as it would ask. The independence of China, now agreed to by Japan and the United States and favored by other leading nations, is of vast importance, making for the peace of the Far East and the Pacific. America is indeed fortunate in having the mild-mannered Japanese as neighbors, who will enter no unjust quarrel. One only thinks of Japan as a very honorable country, one that will not be offended unless it feels that its existence is threatened, and in which event it has proven abundantly able to care for itself.

An article recently appearing in the Russ, a paper which has continually preached war between the United States and Japan, strikes the only discordant note in the Russian press comment on the agreement between the United States and Japan, which, among other things, guarantees the integrity of China. This agreement, according to the Russ, merely postpones the inevitable struggle until the end of William H. Taft's term of office. The two nations, says the Russ, have surveyed the situation and have decided that a poor peace is better than a good quarrel. The American naval program and the American fortifications on the Pacific are not yet completed, and Japan is in financial straits. The outcome of a naval conflict today between the two countries would be uncertain, but the paper predicts that, under cover of this new agreement, each will push its war preparations to completion.

Minister Henry W. Furniss, the Negro diplomat and dean of the diplomatic corps at Hayti, will have a chance at being a diplomat in the very best sense. The island is an excellent school, where agility of wits is required in coping with the perplexing circumstances arising from time to time. Minister Bowell, Furniss' predecessor, waged through many difficulties, and it appears that the present minister's record will be none the less. Dr. Furniss is of Indianapolis. His reports when consul to Bohaia were models of excellence and thoroughly trustworthy. The State Department more than once congratulated him on his work, and which really were his best recommendations to his present post. He is gentlemanly and scholarly, of good address and fine personal appearance. The fact that he was selected as dean of the diplomatic corps is further evidence of those qualities that gained his promotion to one of the most important posts of the service from a financial standpoint.

In observing as to what was the best kind of charity or philanthropic endeavor, Mr. Rockefeller says "The investment of effort or time or money carefully considered with relation to the power of employing people at a remunerative wage, to expand and develop resources at hand, and to give opportunity for progress and healthful labor where it did not exist before."

This principle may be like those in grammar, discovered and applied after the talking was done. It gets there, nevertheless; whether a matter of forethought or after thought, so far as the best charity or philanthropic endeavor are concerned. A very few will believe that many set deliberately about with the view of employing men in order to relieve suffering; that they employ them is of necessity, that their own interests be advanced. Yet a generous employer does not go unthanked, and very often his peculiar genius entitles him to great consideration in making it possible to provide well for many.

A great achievement was this week consummated in this city by a committee representing the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the colored people. It was the purchase of the Crystal Bath House, on Malvern avenue, with its exclusive water lease. Considerable property in the rear of the two-story brick bath house was also secured and a check for $22,000 is now in bank awaiting execution of deeds. It is the purpose of the Supreme Lodge to enlarge this plant into a commodious national Pythian sanitarium, with hotel facilities and medical department, affording sick members of the order who come here to procure the best accommodations and treatment at a nominal cost. It will probably accommodate others who are not members of the order if the capacity will permit, at reasonable rates. To Dr. C. N. Wade, of this city, is due the chief credit for this achievement. He inaugurated the movement eight years ago and has persistently fought it through to a successful consummation. In this he was ably assisted by John T. T. Warren, Alonzo Stone and others.—Hot Springs Daily.

According to the white folks the colored folks of Ohio voted for Judge Taft to a man. It was stated just after the election that, notwithstanding the efforts put forth by leaders of the colored people in the State, there was no deflection from the ranks of the G. O. P. Now the Hon. H. Smith states that out of the 45,000 Afro-American voters in Ohio, not ten voted for the Republican nominee, and proceeds to show figures for it. Now, what we are wondering is, who is right—Brother Smith or the white folks? Who can give us the information? We would like very much to have it. No doubt it would be interesting reading.—The Afro-American Ledger.

Hon. Harry has to make a front. Of those opposing Mr. Taft he was the very stoutest; he "took" on awfully. There's a wide discrepancy in the two estimates of the Negro voters' conduct at the polls. Perhaps neither is a fair statement of what happened. It is safe to say that there was some defection among the voters and accordingly some deflection of votes. It is quite as safe to say that the defection was not nearly so serious as Hon. Harry would have it.

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DISTINGUISHED VISITORS AT TUSKEGEE.

Among the recent visitors at Tuskegee were Hon. James Bryce, British Ambassador to the United States; Sir Harry H. Johnson, the African traveler; Hon. Hugo Chartoris, attache of the British Embassy; Rev. Leander Chamberlain, of New York; Mr. Robert Underwood Johnson, associate editor of the Century Magazine; Mr. W. G. Wilcox and Mr. Robert C. Ogden, of New York.

Mr. Bryce, in addressing the students, referred to those from the British empire, thanking them for the cordial welcome extended. He said, in part:

"We have within that empire many millions of the Negro race, in eastern, southern and western Africa, and, of course, also in the West Indies. We are profoundly interested in what is being done here. We hope to obtain suggestions by which we can be benefitted, and we are very glad that colored people from British Africa and the West Indies should be among you.

"I have long been convinced that the idea which your principal put forward, and which is here being worked out, of the importance of industrial training, is a sound, fertile, practical idea. It is grounded in the history of the human race, every family of mankind, whatever its color, has to begin, and the white race did begin by acquiring habits of steady and constant labor, and by working out for itself a knowledge of the industries and arts on which civilization even in its simplest and rudest forms must rest."

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THE OUTBREAK IN HAITI.

Haiti is having one of its revolutionary periods. This, as might have been expected since the truce of a year or more ago, did not have binding qualities. At that time the struggle just seemed to prematurely quit, one of the features being the reception of refugees at the various legations impending the Alexis government in crushing out the opposition. Apparently the opportunity was his; he had the advantage, and from all accounts felt that he was thwarted in his movements. The old man was not satisfied at the "incomplete" finish, but the foreigners maintained that he desired to institute a reign of murder, striking down all suspected, whether foreigner or countryman. The protests that went up were too much for Alexis, albeit he stoutly maintained he had no thought of making indiscriminate war, declaring his intention to secure the Presidency against rebellious countrymen. It is fairly certain that the Haitien President meant to punish the principal refractories, to make examples of them. It is not generally thought that he meant more.

At that time The Freeman said to the effect that the Haitien President was doubtless chagrined to feel that he was unable to make satisfactory headway against those that threatened the peace of his country. The fact that his country is weak, his government feeble and fairly at the mercy of other nations who do not forget to promptly assert their flags at the proper moment has had much to do with his present situation. That the foreigners were right in protecting themselves against the destruction of either their persons or property goes without saying. Nevertheless this very thing has intimidated Nord Alexis and in a manner gave comfort to his opponents. The unbiased mind will see wisdom on the foreigners' side, yet none the less on the side of the executive. The condition made for the unrest of government, since he could not proceed with impunity against those who would destroy him.

The result is this holdover attempt to put the present government out of commission. At this writing Gen. Simon is very aggressive; has made important headway. The country is aroused and extra efforts are being made to maintain the peace. According to the report of our minister, Dr. Henry W. Furniss, overtures for peace have been made by the diplomatic corps, of which he is dean, to Nord Alexis, in the nature of a compromise. It respectfully requests that he consent to the making of a new Cabinet, consisting of two members appointed by the President, two by Gen. Simon and one by the diplomatic corps. An election for President was to follow. It is further said that the President would not listen to the proposition, but, like Gen. Grant, will fight it out on his line.

Minister Furniss gave it out that it is the Cabinet's opinion that the end of the Alexis government is at hand and that the flight of the aged President cannot restore harmony.

THE FREEMAN IN NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Polo Steele, 1317 Lasquet street, is representing The Freeman in New Orleans. Write or call on him and he will be much pleased to supply you with The Freeman and publish your news items.

QUINCY, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Union Thanksgiving services were held at the Eigth and Elm Street Baptist Church. The congregation sand "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"; Scripture reading, the pastor, Rev. F. L. Smith; prayer, Rev. Osborn; proclamation read by Mrs. F. E. Cook; sermon delivered by Rev. J. Syder of the A. M. E. Church. He gave advice to the heads of families to wake up to the sense of duty and take time and teach their children and make good men and women of them...Mrs. S. B. Golden has returned home from Jacksonville...Mrs. Sallie Sanders spent a pleasant visit in Clarksville, Mo...Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bryant and Miss Mamie Pettis have returned home in Chicago, Ill...Prof. G. W. Wood delivered two lectures at both churches and had a good attendance...Turkey dinner at the Eigth and Elm Street Church. Table No. 1, Mrs. Anna Hammond, reported $26; table No. 1, Mrs. Nanie Berry, reported $46.85. ...The Bethel A. M. E. Church, Bishop Grand, Thos. Mundy, reported $127.10; Bishop Shefer, Mr. Holder, reported $86.40...The W. C. T. U. met with the Cytation Club with Mrs. F. E. Cook, president, in the chair...Tommy Watts, the welterweight champion of Illinois, put two local men out in ten minutes. He will leave soon for Dubuque, Iowa...Mrs. Victoria Leslie of Burlington, Iowa, was in the city last week spending Thanksgiving with her mother, Mrs. Eliza Mack.

TOLEDO, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Jas. King, chef of the Boody House for a number of years, put on an elaborate bill for Thanksgiving, which was highly appreciated and won much comment... The K. of P. ball Thanksgiving evening proved a grand success and was attended by many people from Detroit and surrounding towns...Andie Henderson and Rube Cartrell in the old man's bout will be the principal feature at the Waiters' Athletic Association Friday evening, December 4.

The Freeman will be sent to any address in the United States until January 1, for $1.00 a year. Subscribe now.

SHERMAN, TEX.

Special to The Freeman.

Copies of The Freeman can be found at Mrs. G. W. Hume's handsome cafe... R. W. Thomas, the genial, affable and scholarly headwaiter at the handsome Binkley Hotel, informed the reporter that a new annex will shortly be added, also a double crew of waiters, making the total twenty-five. The dining room has been recently hard-oiled, beautifully carpented and runners placed thereon...The Elks' grand minstrel, headed by Marshall Royal on the night of the 28th at the Opera House was a grand affair...Jim Carson is one of the best tonsorial artists in Texas. The Freeman is on sale there.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Orange Christman was married to Miss Ida Mouton Thanksgiving evening at 8 o'clock at the bride's residence, 2022 Taledona street. Harrison Boose was best man; Miss Louiese Mouton, bridesmaid; Bessie Goode and Delela Good, flower girls. Rev. Rodney Williams of St. Mark Baptist Church performed the ceremony. Many presents were received...Magnolia Swells Social, Aid and Pleasure Club gave a Thanksgiving dinner in honor of the christening of their club. Mrs. Sheldon deserves much credit in the way she served the lunch. Mr. Jones, the promoter of the club, was her assistant. The clubroom was beautifully decorated. Polo Steele, agent of The Freeman, was an invited guest. Club sends regards to all friends...Mrs. Eliza Steele was hostess in honor of her birthday party Sunday, November 8. The house was beautifully decorated in honor of the occasion and many friends were present including Mrs. Rosa Steprey, the Misses Jacobs, Lewis Kenner. Mrs. Zada Russell rendered a beautiful selection on the piano. Also Miss Gertrude Boyd and Polo Steele.

A HINT TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT.

One hundred pounds of white granulated sugar, $1.75; one pound Royal baking powder, 22 cents; five packages Uneeda biscuits, 12 cents; $3.00 shoes for men and womne, 98 cents. For further information write George Slaughter or Clarence Tipton, manager's office, 1024 W. Walnut street, Louisville, Ky. You will also find The Freeman on sale here at all times. We also handle business and calling cards at reasonable prices.

President Roosevelt made a pleasing little speech to an audience of Washington colored men at the cornerstone laying of their new Y. M. C. A. Building a day or so ago. He touched on the race question, and told them that its solution would be the treatment of each man on his merits as a man. He should not be treated badly because he happens to be of a given color, nor should he receive immunity for misconduct because he happens to be of a given color. The protection of the laws should be guaranteed to one as well as to another, he told them. There was more talk of the same character, and it was all very sound, sensible and friendly, but the President omitted to say why no effort is being made by the national Government to prevent the nullification of the fourteenth amendment of the Constitution and consequent deprivation of the Negro voters' rights by the Southern States, or to explain why he is opposed to cutting down the representation of these States in Congress as a just and proper penalty for such annulment. Talk is unimportant when action is needed.—*Indianapolis Daily Star.*

Driven from Norris City.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

CARMI, Ill, Dec. 2.—David E. Parker, a building contractor, yesterday afternoon was warned by the citizens of Norris City to dispense with his Negro workmen there. The Negroes were chased to the depot and forced to take a freight train from the city.

ENTERTAINMENT A SUCCESS.

The "Perplexing Situation," given at Simpson Chapel Church Monday night, gave satisfaction to a very large audience which thoroughly packed the church to its utmost capacity. The entertainment was one of the best and largest attended ever produced at the church. The whole cast deserves much credit for its effort toward making the entertainment a grand success. Special mention is made of Miss Carrie Miller, director of the play, as Miss Nosie, and Harry W. Jackson, as Uncle Ep, from up Kentucky. These two characters kept the audience in a continu ous roar of laughter throughout the entire performance. The singing was very much commented upon. A chorus, quartette and solos interspersed the regular program. The orchestra entertained the audience with choice selections between acts.

Captain G. L. Knox, of Company A, of Simpson Chapel, under whose auspices the entertainment was given, was highly pleased with both the success of the play and the large audience.

THE PREFERRED BANKING INSTITUTIONS OF THE CITY.

In Indianapolis, as in all cities, there are what is known as preferred banking institutions. In most instances this is due to the financial solidity of the house. The personnel of the various banking firms vary as to character, calibre and general attitude toward the colored citizens of their communities. Some are kindly and sympathetic with all enterprises the colored people are engaged in and are ever ready to aid and encourage any worthy efforts of the race, while some are just the opposite. It is our pleasure herein to point out a few of the preferred banking houses who are friendly to the interests of our people in the city of Indianapolis.

The Indiana National Bank, the Columbia National Bank, the Union National Bank, and the Merchants National Bank are substantial well wishers of our people in all of our ambitions and enterprises and are constantly emphasizing it by their unlagging financial support to all worthy things we attempt to do. It is and has been the policy of The Freeman to earnestly urge its clientele to put by a nest egg for a rainy day. It matters not how small, your accounts will be welcome at the above named institutions, who are asking for your patronage in this paper. Read carefully the statements of each, which also appear in this issue. Start today on the road to independence and make yourself a respected factor in the citizenship of the city.

J. P. MULLALY.

J. P. Mullaly, the popular importer of diamonds, located on the Circle, enjoys perhaps the largest trade acquaintance among the colored people of the city than any other dealer in jewelry. Mr. Mullaly has been in the business for a number of years and has sold more stones to colored men and women in Indianapolis than any other house engaged in the business. There is a reason for this. It is up to you, Mr. Reader, to find out the cause. If you are thinking of purchasing a diamond ring or studd, call on Mr. Mullaly and find out why he enjoys such a large trade among people of limited means. Read his advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

THE FAMOUS CLOAK HOUSE.

J. Y. Brosnan, the veteran outfitter of women, holding forth at the "Famous," 25 North Illinois street, is perhaps one of the oldest and best known cloak and dress suit houses in the city. This firm is well and favorably known to the colored citizens of the city. When a garment is purchased at the Famous it is always exactly as represented. Mr. Brosnan is now showing the latest styles and designs in women's cloaks and dresses. If you are contemplating making the madame or your best girl a useful Christmas present you would do well to look over what the Famous is offering. The prices are sure to please you. Look over and read carefully the advertisement of this well established house, which appears elsewhere in this issue.

THE CENTRAL LOAN CO.

The Central Loan Co., located on the second floor of the State Life Building, is one of the most popular of all the loan offices in the city. This has been almost wholly due to the courteous treatment of its patrons and the reasonable rate of interest charged on a loan. Every transaction is strictly confidential. They advance money liberally on household goods and all collaterals. If you are in need of Christmas money, we cheerfully recommend this office.

BANK STATEMENTS

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Union National Bank of Indianapolis, in the State of Indiana, at the close of business November 27, 1908:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$1,074,073 02
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		530 32
U. S. bonds to secure circulation		300,000 00
U. S. bonds to secure U. S. deposits		25,000 00
Premiums on U. S. bonds		10,714 68
Bonds, securities, etc		9,239 52
Banking house, furniture and fixtures		30,227 98
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	$58,540 49	
Due from state banks and bankers	5,113 72	
Due from approved reserve agents	146,958 28	
Checks and other cash items	18,060 29	
Exchanges for clearing house	27,721 85	
Notes of other national banks	12,500 00	
Fractional paper currency nickles cents	111 43	
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz.:		
Specie	83,913 25	
Legal tender notes	45,000 00—	397,919 31
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		15,000 00
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund		1,000 00
Total		$1,853,703 83

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$300,000 00
Surplus fund		22,500 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		8,502 63
National bank notes outstanding		299,997 50
Due to other national banks	$296,764 12	
Due to State banks and bankers	63,999 77	
Due to trust companies and savings banks	55,786 80	
Individual deposits subject to check	658,814 23	
Demand certificates of deposit	118,113 47	
Certified checks	3,405 73	
Cashier's checks outstanding	819 58	
United States deposits	25,000 00—	1,223,703 70
Total		$1,853,703 83

State of Indiana, Marion County, ss:

I, Fred N. Smith, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRED N. SMITH, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, 1908.

GEO. C. CALVERT, Notary Public.
My commission expires March 23, 1910.

Correct—Attest:
LOUIS E. LATHROP,
J. M. McINTOSH,
G. A. EFROYMSON,
Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Columbia National Bank at Indianapolis, in the State of Indiana, at the close of business November 27, 1908:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$1,200,299 61
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		290 30
U. S. bonds to secure circulation		250,000 00
U. S. bonds to secure U. S. deposits		15,000 00
Premiums on U. S. bonds		18,400 00
City of Indianapolis, Marion county and other bonds		207,042 42
Furniture and fixtures, safe deposit vaults		27,000 00
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	$101,605 36	
Due from state banks and bankers	140,725 83	
Due from approved reserve agents	152,429 84	
Checks and other cash items	5,069 73	
Exchanges for clearing house	59,605 42	
Notes of other national banks	20,710 00	
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	676 32	
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz.:		
Specie, gold	30,555 00	
Silver	1 142 00	
Legal tender notes	150,000 00	
	$191,697 00—	672,519 50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		12,500 00
Total		$2,403,051 83

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		300,000 00
Surplus fund		42,500 00
Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid		7,522 90
National bank notes outstanding		250,000 00
Due to other national banks	$258,074 14	
Due to State banks and bankers	387,860 78	
Due to trust companies and savings banks	22,089 47	
Dividends unpaid	15 00	
Individual deposits subject to check	997,556 11	
Demand certificates of deposit	116,405 38	
Certified checks	3,912 98	
Cashier's checks outstanding	3,115 07	
U. S. deposits	15,000 00—	1,803,028 93
Total		$2,403,051 83

State of Indiana, Marion County, ss:

I, W. F. C. Golt, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest:
M. B. WILSON,
A. A. BARNES,
H. W. MILLER,
Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Indiana National Bank at Indianapolis, in the State of Indiana, at the close of business November 27, 1908:

RESOURCES.

Loans and deposits		$4,974,970 78
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		441 81
U. S. bonds to secure circulation		703,000 00
U. S. bonds to secure U. S. deposits		400,000 00
U. S. bonds on hand		820 00
Marion county and other bonds		246,000 00
Banking house and safe deposit vaults		250,000 00
Real estate owned		80,658 26
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	$734,315 54	
Due from State banks and bankers	281,186 11	
Due from approved reserve agents	990,601 96	
Checks and other cash items	282 71	
Exchange for clearing house	195,838 64	
Notes of other national banks	122,000 00	
Nickels and cents	2,762 15	
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz.:		
Gold	913,000 00	
Silver	13,000 00	
Legal tender notes	250,000 00—	3,502,987 11
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent circulation)		35,150 00

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$1,000,000 00
Surplus fund		600,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		459,618 39
National bank notes outstanding		703,000 00
Due to other national banks	$1,354,783 46	
Due to State banks and bankers	790,648 22	
Due to trust companies and savings banks	322,798 88	
Individual deposits subject to check	4,334,917 24	
Demand certificates of deposit	182,762 93	
Certified checks	20,786 67	
Cashier's checks outstanding	23,504 71	
United States deposits	777 32	
Deposits of U. S. disbursing officers	400,430 14—	7,431,409 57
Total		$10,194,027 96

State of Indiana, Marion County, ss:

I, Edward D. Moore, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EDWARD D. MOORE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, 1908.

GEORGE C. CALVERT, Notary Public.
My commission expires March 23, 1910.

Correct—Attest:
VOLNEY T. MALOTT,
ARTHUR V. BROWN,
GEORGE B. YANDES,
Directors.

The Eureka Comb

It is an assured fact that there is now on the market, a COMB, Scientifically Made of Hardened and Highly Polished Metals. Copper and Brass, associated together, conducts an influence over the scalp and hair. A phenomena, through its working ability, bringing the crimpy hair straight and silky in appearance, causing a rapid growth, a permanent cure for dandruff, stopping the hair from falling, making natural straight hair, light in weight and airy in appearance. The best hair dryer. No other metals so suitable for the hair. Brass and Copper are friendly to horn. The EUREKA COMB Guaranteed. Why not order today? Directions go with every comb. Price, complete, $1.50, by P. O. or Express Money Order. EUREKA COMB CO., Chattanooga, Tenn.

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GEM LAUNDRY. PHONE 1671.

You are Invited to the Great
Autumn Sacrifice Sale
—AT THE—
The Granger Store, 336-338 W. Washington Street.

A tornado of phenomenal bargains. $1000,000 worth of Clothing, Dry Goods, Cloaks, Shoes and Furnishing Goods, at the greatest sacrifice of prices ever known in the history of Indianapolis. Every article in the house will be

Quoted at Closing Out Prices.

This will certainly prove to be the greatest possible boon that could be offered to the people of this city and vicinity. Right now on the very threshold of winter, when the people need the goods and can use them to the best advantage, WE START THIS SALE.

It is not a sale of accumulated odds and ends or of doubtful qualities, nor have we waited until the season is over to begin this price slaughter, but right now, in the very heart of the season, we offer these fresh standard productions of Reading Manufacturers at astonishingly low prices. In connection with the above, we are having a Half Price Sale of Dress Goods. This sale will be an eye-opener as well as a money-saver.

THE STAGE
HAYWOOD

$1.00—The Freeman one year until January 1—$1.00.

The team of Cooper and Robinson have returned to the vaudeville stage.

W. A. Bruce is promoting the Operatic Minstrels and doing fairly well. Regards to all friends.

Henry Clark, who has been with Marshall's Old Plantation Show, has returned to his home in Spartanburg, S. C., for the winter.

Mrs. Marie Harris is still at her same old stand, 1601-1603 St. Peter street, New Orleans, La., and sends regards to Louis Lamar and Simpson Matthews.

S. G. Baker, D. L. Frazier, James E. Cayson and W. H. Tucker, known this season as Nat Goodwin's Quartet, were pleasant Freeman callers this week.

J. Lester McDaniel of Greenville, S. C., the noted trick bicycle rider, spent several days in Spartanburg last week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Johe on Golden street.

John Gale, the sweet tenor singer of the Tramps Social Club, is scoring a big hit singing "Good Bye, Sweetheart, Goodbye." He sends regards to all in and out of the profession. The club says hello to the bunch.

James White, a member of the Whangdoodle Comedy Four, was in Indianapolis Sunday on account of the illness of his sister. He left Monday morning for Terre Haute, Ind., where the quartet is appearing this week.

It is no more a rumor but a decided fact that Spartanburg, S. C., has on foot an orchestra known as the Imperial. It is one that is capable of playing music; music that is music, with Profs. Massey and Capers at the head.

The Real Comedy Four is the first colored act that has had the opportunity or chance to play the Gus Sun circuit. They have played two weeks of his time and have contracts up to the middle of January, 1909, and option on more work.

Doc Blair and Arnie Born of Columbus will put on their Greater Minstrels show with some strong talent, which Blair has engaged during his travels with the Al G. Field Minstrels in Columbus, Ohio, finishing the show with the big 400 dance December 21.

The Suawnee River Quartet that has appeared so often at the Park Theatre, appeared last week at the English Theatre with Nat C. Goodwin Company presenting "Cameo Kirby." The members are D. L. Frazier, S. G. Baker, J. E. Gayson, W. H. Tucker. Regards to all friends.

Billie Butler, the trap drummer, after a successful season with Dunmore's Modern Minstrels, is now enjoying a much needed rest at his home in Pittsburg, Pa. Regards to P. G. Lowery, Frank Mahara's bunch and all friends in and out of the profession. He can be reached through this office.

D. E. Edwards, a high contralto tenor singer of New York City, is still winning each audience on his first Southern trip with the Dandy Dixie Minstrels. His selection of sentimental songs can't be beat. If he doesn't get four or five encores each night he not satisfied.

Spriggins and White Polite Vaudeville Company has opened a new vaudeville house at New Orleans. The name is the St. Katherine and the show proves to be good. The staff is as follows: L. Harris, manager; C. A. White, press agent; W. O. Spriggin, stage manager; Miss N. J. Franklin, musical director; Jas. L. Dean, property man. The company is quite an attraction and includes Miss Anita Oliver, Miss Clara Davis, Miss Tillie Johnson, Miss Ethel Fuller, Baby Inez Robertson, Mr. Robt. Lewis, Master Edw. Springgins, Jr., Mr. Jos. Quickhard and Kenner and Lewis, also a big chorus. The company will tour Louisiana.

Alonzo Moore, the clever magician, at present one of the big features with the Richard and Pringle Minstrels, was victimized (while playing the Novelty theater, San Francisco) by one of his own tricks with which he mystifies his audiences, by some one who doubted his genuine ability to prognosticate and cause to disappear and reappear the many articles used in his act. While occupied in the performance of his act the dubious one entered his dressing-room and abstracted from his trunk his valuable watch and left a card with the following annotation: "If you locate the pawnshop that I leave this in you will dispell any and all doubt that I have as to the genuinness of your occult powers." Doubtless your Dubious Moore is yet minus the watch.

ROYAL THEATER, MEMPHIS.

The Royal Theater is putting on nothing but vaudeville this week, with Simpson and Mathews, the Great Pekin Comedy Barrel Jumpers, as headliners. Simpson and Mathews are practicing a new feature for their act, that is, jumping in and out of barrels on roller skates, which they hope to produce before very long. Tom Bright and Alice Ramsey, in "Scenes on Front Street," Miss Ada Harris, the New Orleans Sunbeam, is featuring Mandy Lane; Miss Alice McQuiller, illustrated sons; Miss Ida Gardner, our singing and dancing soubrette, is cleaning up singing "Sweetie Dear." The Dandy Dixies played here Sunday and we all payed the ma visit. The show is great. The sight of Billy Kersands and Jim Crosby was a cure for sore eyes. Best regards to the profesh. Friends please write James E. Simpson.

W. H. RAY'S CREOLE BELLES.

W. H. Ray's Creole Belles Co., now in their third week, presenting "Old Time Minstrelsy" at the Casino, Hoboken, N. J., with special scenery and wardroobe. Mr. Ray has newly wardrobed the company, the ladies wearing kickerbockers and vari-colored sashes, while the comedians appear in antique costumes.

Among the specialities that are introduced are Messes Price and Finler in a new sister act, Chas. Taylor in songs and stories, Minnie Robinson, soubrette, the whole concluding with a musical travesty enlisting the services of the entire company performing upon mustical instruments, something rarely seen with smaller companies and fe wlarge ones.

The company will play in New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

The roster of the company is: W. H. Taylor, Chas. Taylor, Walter Usher, Billy Ward, Misses Ella Gross, Midget Price, Mamie Furber, Minnie Robinson, Sally Lee and Nagatha Joplin. Jesse B. Smith, master of transportation and assistant manager.

PLANT JUICE VAUDEVILLE CO.

Jno. Woods and Lehman Smith, the two leading comedians, are having a successful season and one of the best shows that Col. Dillingham has ever had. Woods is making a great hit doing female impersonations and his ventriloquist act. Smith, the man that made the allegator "laf," is cleaning up singing "Let Me Alone, I Ain't Bothering You." Next we have C. C. Cook, the world's champion banjo player. He says, tell all the boys on the Allen Minstrels he would like to hear from them. He knows all other boys are happy. Woods and Smith send regards to Willie Perry, Jamie Mullen, Sam Russell, Bon Bon Buddy and all in and out of the profession.

NEW BAND ORGANIZED.

After repeated attempts have been made to organize a brass band at Denver, Col., Mr. J. C. Harris is the only leader who made a success. eW are doing nicely and the future of this band is assured because Harris does know what it is to quit. The roster of the band is as follows:

Clarinete, J. C. Harris, Arthur Nesbite, A. Gonzalez; cornet, solo, Wm. H. Lee (director), Jos. H. Kelley; first, D. W. Wailker, Clyde Andrews; alto, James Brown, Payton Peterson, A. Levell; trombone, Emellio Garcia, Ed. F. Caldwell; baritone, Milton Fore; tuba, Frank Castry, A. E. Duncan; drums, C. E. Williams, M. T. Jackson.

The Harris Orchestra is still enjoying the run of sucess and popularity that it has had for years. They are in demand because they know what to play for any and all occasions and also how to play it. Most of the men double B. and O.

GREAT FERDON MED. CO. NO. 2, BERKELEY, CAL.

Herbert LaShe closed with the R. & P. Georgia Minstrels a few days ago and had the large tumor removed from his head by the European medical expert with the Ferdon Co. Tuesday evening, November 17, and he is a happy man.

Mrs. McP. Ford returned a few days ago after spending two months in Los Angeles.

Frank DeBriote expects to have his wife with him in a few days.

Littleton McDuff resigned the leadership to Mr. DeBriote, but he is still in the band.

No. 1 Co. has leased the Columbia Theater in Oakland and are playing to S. O. nightly. They have a colored show of 84 people. This week they present "The Georgia Camp Meeting." George Taylor is starring the show.

WILL TAKE CHARGE OF THE LINCOLN THEATER.

S. Tutt Whitnew has severed his connection with the Black Patti Troubadours as comedian, producer and stage manager to take charge of the New Lincoln Theater, Knoxville, Tenn, as manager, producer and stage director. In leaving the Black Patti Co. Mr. Whitney has this to say: "I am actuated to make the change through no personal feeling against the management. I have the highest regards for Messrs. Voelckel & Nolan as managers. For Madame Jones I have nothing but honor and the greatest respect, while my association with the members of the company have been the most felicitous. Mr. Cal. F. Johnson, proprietor of the Lincoln Theater, has under process of erection a new $35,000 theater. For the control of this he has seen fit to engage me at a salary far in excess of anything offered me by any road show, consequently the change."

CARTER & BLUFORD A BIG HIT AT SPOKANE, WASH.

The team made a tremendous hit in Spokane and will be remembered by theatre goers as the best that was ever produced on the Orpheum stage in this city. "The Act Beautiful," as they term it, is one of those out of the ordinary vaudeville features; it has made good in every city on the Pacific coast, and that is saying a good deal for the act. The Carters are strictly up to date and trying at all times to improve. While in this city they visited the Indian camps on the west bank of the Hangman creek, and spent much time in a study of "Spokane Squaw and Six," but our representative was unable to learn whether they saw anything new in the life of the local Indians that could be added to their big feature act on the stage.

But little advance advertising will be necessary in future visits to the coast, for the name of Carter and Bluford, or "The Tropical-Looking Maiden in the Beautiful Indian Act," as they are more popularly designated, will be enough to fill the house at each performance.

LOWERY'S NASHVILLE STUDENTS AND MORGAN MINSTRELS COMBINED.

We are now in our eighth week and business has been more than expected since our opening. Our car has been remodeled, refurnished and painted both inside and outside. Everyone is most comfortable and happy and our food is pronounced by all the greatest ever served on any car they were ever on. The company is about the same as when we opened and our roster includes Prof. P. G. Lowery, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Morgan, Jas. and Florence Hall, Charles and Blanch Beecham, Eva Nolan, Callie Vassar, Carrie Gilbert, Cordia Cunningham, Nellie Frost, Goldie Morlan, Jack Johnson, Jno. Edwards, E. Mason, Henry Jefferson, Henry Rawles, Tom May, William May, Tony Barefield, F. C. Smith, Chas. Milton, Ed Hendricks, Frank Slayton and Wm. Boulden.

Our route takes us into Missouri and Kansas soon, which has been the stopping grounds for the Students for years, and it is expected that the "Fess" will come to the car occasionally with his head high in the air. We play his home town, Eureka, Kan., soon, and we won't accept anything short of a couple dozen nice fat pullets from that big farm of his.

HARRISON BROS. MINSTRELS.

Harrison Bros. Minstrels No. 1 opened at the Temple Theatre, Edinburg, Ind., November 23, under the direction of Wm. Besser. All seats were sold before the doors opened. The house only seats 700. We were forced to sell standing room and then turned them away. We gave a free street parade and cake walk at 3 o'clock, drawing the people from near and far.

The curtain went up at 8:15 sharp with first part introducing a number of new and up to date song hits. The musical program was headed by Bob Clark, Mose Watkins, Robert Truman and Jas. Clark. Master Leon Lewis, youngest colored performer on the American stage, received a number of curtain calls. Madam Essie Lewis, who sings "If There Aint No Chicken in Heaven I Don't Want to Go There," took well with the audience. Miss Rebecca Talbert introduced some of her new popular songs.

In the plantation and cotton scene many of the old Southern melodies were heard. The cotton scene was the most realistic production ever witnessed. The company carries 32 people, including band and orchestra. Manager Mulkins of the Temple Theatre was well pleased with this attraction.

The business staff is as follows: Wm. Besser, manager and owner; Chas. E. Meyers, advance representative; Fred Lewis, stage manager; S. Mooney, properties; Robt. Wilson, band leader; Fred Victor, orchestra.

FROM THE HEART OF DEHOMEY.

By Juli Jones Jr.

Grand all-around change. That's what makes business. The lower end of the Stroll seems to have taken new life.

THE ROYAL went back into business and is now running on weekly schedule—and to think, Miss Willie Ingels, "the Lady of Quick Changes," has taken charge of everything there. Before she had been only musical director, but now she has charge of the front, back and in fact the whole block. Her cards now read, "Bill Ingles," manager of the Stroll. Another expected thing has come to pass. The Monogram has closed so as to lengthen its house. The house now runs from State to Dearborn streets and will be known in the future as the Bowling Alley—that is, if the set plans are carried out. The house will be 18 feet wide and 500 feet long and patrons in the rear will be furnished with field glasses.

At last the war scenes from Simms & Lumly, that has been brooding for some time, has been played. Simms, a sudden raise to King of Dehomey, did not meet the approval of his old collegian. The final act was played in one of the basements last night of one of the play houses along the Stroll. Simms was to appear on the bill, but Wesley's crew objected. Simms tried to smooth out matters with a big hickory stick. Wesley ended matters with a very small bomb—anyway, it wrecked Simms. Well, to make matters short, Simms was sent to the repair shop. No further details at this writing.

Business along the path is fine, but the sudden cold snap will hurt a little bit. Every house offered something new, but the managers kicking about losing money have run the story into a joke. The public doesn't care how much they make or lose. A good show is what everybody wants and must have. Different managers from all parts of Chicago visit Dehomey and remark that every house along the Stroll has put on a better show than any place in Chicago for the money. That is beginning to leak out and everybody will demand the same. They can't see how the houses make any money.

Raymond Lee, property man for the Pekin Theatre for the last three years, has given up his job; no reasons given. This young man would be fine for any road show or house. He has been well schooled. The writer will have to omit the Pekin this week, as he could not make all the rounds.

THE GRAND, the star in Dahomey, keeps up its gait, leading everybody the kliing pace. They offered a new bill. How on earth do they do it? This house manages to make big hits out of any kind of an ordinary act, and really produces new people. This week's bill is of the highest order, with five new faces. Miss Lizzie Hart handed out another hot one with a youngster singing in the back gallery. The boy is simply a wonder, but their duet does not blend any too good, as the distance is quite long. They certainly did storm the house. If Miss Hart can produce four more like the one she used last night she will storm the country. Next came a musical trio, a brand new green act; Claybrooks, Brown and Claybrooks. This act showed many traces of amateur and lack of rehearsing, but they were so far above the ordinary that all of this can be overlooked. As to their instruments, they knew a little or played anything worth mentioning. The comedy man has something of the Irving Jones style of work and did his work well. The "straight" man should make up and cut off his little stingy mustache. Professional stage gentlemen do not wear any hair on their upper lip, save John Drew. The lady is a very sweet singer and can dance. The three should sing and dance together more, as this act will be a good one when it is straightened out through hard work. This act was followed by Juani, the whirlwind dancer. This young lady had to work at a big disadvantage, yet she did very well. Next came Sam Ham Good with the same old talk but in a half sheath gown. Well, Sam tries hard and these are the people who eventually get to the front. Following this came Miss Hart and her boys. They are going it alone this week and are doing well for kids. If they stick together they may get by; but boys are boys.

THE WASHINGTON offers a female minstrel about the same that was offered at the Pekin Theatre by Edmonia Jones and Mag Tyler, end men, and Maud Grundy for good measure. This crew is good, no matter whose house they play, as they are really talented from a female point of view. At the Washington this week they are better than at all the play houses along the Stroll put together. If some one would write some new stuff for them to produce they would make a good female stock company. The managers of this house pay big salaries and treat their employees white; but the performers seem to have taken advantage of this treatment and will kill the goose that lays the golden egg sooner or later.

THE LINCOLN offers the Dear Uncle Wesley Lumly in "The Honolulu Boys," yet the show is billed "Honolulu Coons," which is a bad bill for taste to present to the public. The word "coon" has lost its usefulness years ago. Uncle Wesley should take this bunch on a long trip to the woods; it might improve health and mind.

Marion A. Brooks, manager of the Grand Theatre, was suddenly called away to Dallas, Tex., to attend the funeral of his father, Samuel Miller, the pioneer and promoter of the Lone Star State. Mr. Miller was one of the oldest colored residents of Dallas.

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MANY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS IN HONOR OF COLE & JOHNSON.

Special to The Freeman.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Your correspondent this week is pleased to announce a round of exceptional and charming entertainments given last week in honor of the distinguished players, Cole and Johnson, by their friends of Louisville, who are numbered among the best citizens of the city that represent its highest social life. At these several functions were served choice viands that are fit for the gods.

Never before in the social life of Louisville were there so many affairs given men of the stage. The achievements of distinguished and prominent Negroes are discussed as well as current issues of the day. The Negro in law, medicine, theology, pedagogy, art, science, industry, and poetry were among the topics of discussion at the several dinners and stags.

Owing to the matinees given Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the celebrated players were forced to decline social engagements until Wednesday. The first evidence of the hospitality of the citizens of Louisville was that of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Oliver in honor of Messrs. Cole and Johnson, Frank and Mrs. Bessie Oliver Brown and several other members of the "Red Moon" company. Dr. Oliver, the host, is one of the most prominent Negroes of the city and is chief of the Kentucky Division of the Grand United Order of True Reformers. The dinner was given at the country home of Dr. Oliver, which is located in one of the most desirable spots in Jefferson county. In many respects the home is a veritable mansion, being situated on a high hill, surrounded by picturesque landscape and a cultivated farm as a background. The day was an ideal one for roaming and many of the guests availed themselves of the opportunity to see the results of the summer farm life. The immense amount of stock an dcattle was shown the visitors that is being raised by Dr. Oliver.

At 3 p. m. the guests were invited in the spacious dining room by Mrs. Frank Fowler Brown, who assisted Mrs. R. W. Oliver at the dinner.

The table decorations were beautiful. A large silver jardineer stood in the center of the table containing living plants and was surrounded by carnations and red roses. On arriving at the table each guest was given a red rose in commemoration of "The Red Moon" company. The dinner was beautifully served in ten courses and consisted of elegant and delicious collations. Just before darkness the dining room was beautifully lighted, also the red candilanbers which stood beside each plate. While the dinner was being served the guests indulged in a most intelligent conversation. There was exhibited culture, refinement and dignity and a thorough knowledge of the real things that go to make up progressive and successful livelihood. The "Three Frogs" present, who were Messrs. Cole and Johnson and James Reese Europe, led in the conversation. Mr. Bob Cole discussed the Negro and his possibilities as an actor. It was remembered that Mr. Cole had written an article this summer for "Life" contending that the Negro had dramatic capabilities and an editorial of last week's issue was read, which bore out Mr. Cole's contention. This phase of the conversation was elevating and inspiring. Mr. Rosamond Johnson talked interestingly on the success of the Negro as a musician and composer, and spoke with much pride of those who have contributed songs, ballads, melodies and cantatas that are now being sung by the English-speaking world.

Prof. James Reese Europe, who is regarded as one of the best musical directors of the race, talked optimistically of the Negro as a singer and recalled many of the nightingale singers who have challenged the admiration of the world. Miss Lulu Coleman was the center of attraction when she spoke of her sex on the stage. It was she who gave a new light on how the stage now mirrors forth the bloom and blossom of intelligence of the race and the power it has on public opinion. Referring to Miss Abbie Mitchell, she said: "The critics of the great dailies often speak of her as an excellent singer and actress, which undoubtedly helps the race."

The medical profession was discussed by Drs. Richard and Robert Oliver and they too gave evidences of rapid strides made by men of their profession. During the afternoon the discussions were augmented by Mr. Andrew Tribbie, Mrs. Bessie Oliver Brown, Messrs. Charlie Hunter, Frank Brown and others. The guests at the dinner were Mr. Bob Cole, Mr. Rosamond Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Tribble, Mr. James Europe, Mr. Cary B. Lewis, Mrs. Dora Thomas, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Oliver, Miss Lula Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. William Oliver and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Oliver.

On Thursday night after the performance of "The Red Moon," Dr. and Mrs. Richard Oliver of 1200 West Chestnut street entertained in honor of Messrs. Cole and Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fowler Brown. The occasion was marked by the delightful manner in which the guests of the evening enjoyed themselves. Mrs. Oliver was a most charming hostess and she served a delicious supper. During the night Mr. Rosamond Johnson entertained the guests with a number of brilliant and artistic selections on the piano, they being from such masters as Paderewski, Chopin, Schubert, Beethoven and Hayden. The feature number of the evening was the one selection of Miss Abbie Mitchell. She sang "Little Gal." She sang with perfect ease and her notes were clear and sweet. The sentiment and expression of the singer was of such magnitude that at the close she was vociferously applauded and was urged to sing at a second time. She did so with as much ease and grace as the first. Mr. James Reese Europe and Mr. Frank Brown favored the guests with musical selections of the highest and most artistic order.

The prettiest affair during the week was that given by Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore, 1504 West Walnut street, Friday afternoon in honor of Messrs. Cole and Johnson.

"The Red Moon" stag dinner was in many respects the most elaborate in point of style, menu and service we have ever attended in this city. The beautiful dining room was handsomely decorated for the occasion. Red was the color scheme and it was perfectly charming. Place cards engraved in red were at each plate and near them stood red individual candlelabers. While the decorations were original and pretty, the menu was delicious. Twelve courses were served in pomp and style and it was prepared by Miss Georgia A. Lattimore, who is the domestic science teacher at the Central High School. The novel feature of the dinner was the ices served in the shape of a red moon and cake in red moon shape, on which was written the names of individual guests. After the dinner the men repaired to the well-appointed den of Dr. Lattimore, where cigars with red bands were served. The affair lasted from 3 o'clock until 6 o'clock p. m.

Miss Lattimore, who is perhaps one of the most royal entertainers of the city, had a number of charming ladies to meet the celebrated funmakers and at 6:15 the parlor doors were thrown open and Mr. Cole and Mr. Johnson were formally introduced to the ladies. Misses Abbie Mitchell and Lulu Coleman were among the visiting ladies. The ladies were served with refreshments in red moon style. During the stag dinner, Dr. Lattimore acted as toastmaster and each of the following responded with bright, witty and thoughtful toasts: Messrs. Bob Cole, Rosamond Johnson, James Reese Europe, Sam Lucas, Chas. Bradock, Cary B. Lewis, Dr. H. B. Beck, Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore, Dr. Steve Alexander and Dr. Pinder Flack.

Mr. and Mrs. William Oliver of 1427 West Chestnut street were the hosts of a dinner party Friday night in honor of Messrs. Cole and Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fowler Brown. The evening was delightfully enjoyed by the musical numbers given by Miss Abbie Mitchell, Messrs. Rosamond Johnson, Jesse Reese Europe and Frank Brown. After the musical selections were received with applause and appreciation, Mrs. Lottie Oliver served the guests with a feast of dainties and choice viands and vintages.

On Thanksgiving day Messrs. Bob Cole Rosamond Johnson, Misses Abbie Mitchell and Lulu Coleman were the guests at dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Evans. CARY B. LEWIS.

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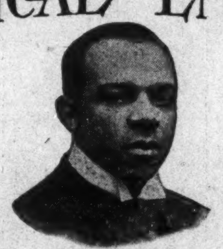

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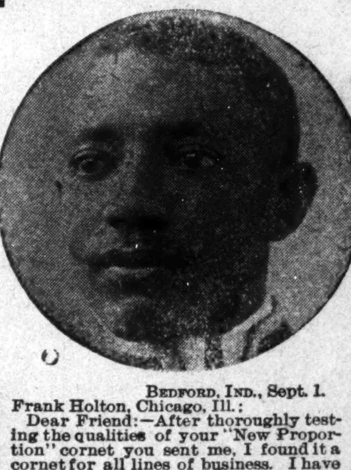

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Let him walk in the path of right,
And keep his aim in sight,
  And work and pray in faith alway,
With his eyes on the glittering height.

Give me the man who says,
  "I will do something well,
And make the fleeing days
  A story of labor tell."
Though the aim he has be small,
It is better than none at all;
  With something to do the whole year through,
He will not stumble or fall.

But Satan weaves a snare
  For the feet of those who stray,
With never a thought or a care
  Where the path may lead away.
The man who hath no aim
Not only leaves no name,
  When this life's done, but ten to one
He leaves a record of shame.

Give me a man whose heart
  Is filled with ambition's fire;
Who sets his mark in the start
  And moves it higher and higher.
Better to die in the strife,
The hands with labor rife,
  Than to glide with the stream in an idle dream,
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Marriage and births among Negroes in Jersey City are falling off.

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A colored daily newspaper will be started, it is said, at Chattanooga, Tenn., in the near future.

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G. W. Carter and D. B. Jeffers, of San Antonio, are interested in the Guanajuato Gold Fields Mining Company.

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George W. McCreary is superintendent of the Dust-All Company of Springfield, and is meeting with much success.

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A chain of schools for the education of the Negro is about to be established in the Southwest by the Roman Catholic Church.

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A branch Berea College is proposed by Negroes of Kentucky. It is said that Mr. Carnegie has offered $200,000 if the race of the State will raise $50,000.

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A city of all Negroes, Mound Bayou, Miss., gave Taft 100 votes and Bryan 1 in the recent election. It has been impossible to learn who gave the one vote.

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This year marks the sixty-first anniversary of the Liberian government as an independent State. Dr. Ernest Lyons, the minister from the United States, took part in the celebration.

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Colored Spanish-American war veterans have organized at Los Angeles, Cal. There are forty members and the organization is known as the General H. G. Otis Camp No. 34, United Spanish War Veterans.

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The Gilmore-Warrick Art and Investment Company was organized on the 15th inst. with the following officers: A. Gilmore, president; J. M. Warrick, vice president; Noah Warrick, treasurer, and R. W. B. Gould, secretary and business manager. President Gilmore stated that it will be a stock company and shares of stock will cost $5.

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Joseph Thomas, the only Negro section foreman, of Minersville, near Pottsville, Pa., employed on the Schuylkill Valley division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, having the best section of trackage covering the distance from Fifty-second street in Philadelphia through to Lytle, a distance of 95 miles, was awarded $50 in gold. A number of white men were in the contest.

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Allensworth, Cal., is a new Negro town already surveyed. It is now being populated and built up by a Negro company in honor of whose president, Col. Allensworth, the town is named. The site of the new city is on the main line of the Santa Fe Railroad and seven miles west of the Southern Pacific, at a point about half way between Los Angeles and San Francisco, and in one of the most fertile parts of the San Joaquin Valley.

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Death of Prof. Johnson.

Prof. Augustus R. Johnson, principal of the city high school, Augusta, Ga., died recently.

Prof. Johnson was born in Augusta February 29, 1853, and received his education in the schools of that city. He was the first colored school teacher given a license to teach in the public schools of that State, receiving payment from State funds. He was a teacher for thirty-nine consecutive years, during which time he held the respect and esteem of scholars, teachers and parents. He was baptized in 1872 by Rev. W. J. White, pastor of Harmony Baptist Church, and the venerable editor of the Georgia Baptist; likewise the burial ceremonies were conducted by Rev. White and the Knights of Pythias.

Prof. Johnson was president of the Sunday School Workers, deacon of Harmony Church for thirty years and church clerk for thirty-six years. He also organized the first company of colored militia in Augusta and was made the lieutenant-colonel of the first batallion of the colored State militia, which has long since been put out of commission.

Prof. Johnson was born and spent his life in Augusta, where his achievements and life history are open like a book—yes, a guide for all those who aspire to live a noble and useful life. The citizens of Georgia, at home and abroad, mourn the loss of this great man, Christian and teacher, who gave his life to the cause of his people. Peace to his ashes.

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VIEWS ON THE RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISION.

The Negro press is not very divergent in its views anent the recent Supreme Court decision wherein it was held that separated educational Bowing to the inevitable is about the sum of the comment, protesting of course, against what is held to be a contradiction of the laws. What Negro publications have had to say was pretty much the expected, since according to their views the Negroes have been worsted.

What other than race papers have to say will be interesting. They are not peculiarly interested and more than likely will reflect the sentiment of many white people along this line. However, we will, if wise, peruse their comment with caution, knowing that they are not experts on the race situation. The Philadelphia Enquirer said:

"Another blow to the Reconstruction legislation and the Fourteenth Amendment, which were intended to give the Negro absolutely the same civil rights as the white, but which have largely failed in practice as well as theory."

The New York Post had the following:

"Might almost be described as a latter-day Dred-Scott decision."

A recent number of the Library Digest states the case clearly and concisely in the following language:

"The main facts of the case are briefly as follows. Berea College was established in Kentucky before the war for "the education of all persons of good moral character." After the war colored students applied and were admitted, and the benefits of the institution remained open to both races until 1904, when the Kentucky legislature passed a law forbidding the education of blacks and white within twenty-five miles of one another by the same institution—that is to say, a colored branch might be established not less than twenty-five miles from the buildings attended by white students. The main object of this legislation was Berea College, which immediately brought suit in the Kentucky courts to prevent its enforcement. Losing the case in the Kentucky courts, the college carried it up to the Supreme Court, which now decides—with two dissenting voices—that the Kentucky statute in consitiutional.

The New York Evening Post observes as follows:

"If a citizen can be discriminated against because of color, why not because of faith? Some of our Northern universities are receiving so many Catholics, Jews, and foreign-born students, as to become extremely uneasy over the situation. Will students of this type be excluded some day, in the endeavor to protect the right of a State to control its corporate creatures? We fail to see why not. It would be more contrary to the spirit of our institutions, than the Berea decision, and would be no more serious a blow to our whole democratic experiment. Its enemies are today rejoicing."

"The Supreme Court has for years successfully evaded and direct judgment upon the various discriminations against the Negro in the southern states. It has calmly permitted violations of the guaranteed rights of the freedman to go on unchecked. For the thousandth time, therefore, we have an illustration of the narrow, technical way in which the courts decide grave questions. Here the judge is so anxious lest the right of a State to control one of its corporate creatures be impaired, that nothing else is visible in the law."

Similar expressions are noted in other publications, all, it may be known of the North. These wholesome unbiased views sound good, yet against these are set the stern opposition of the entire South and the indifference of much of the North. "Enthusiastic" sympathy may not be noted anywhere, North or South. No one knows this better than the Negroes. The Supreme Court is wise to the fact and has "evaded" the question as long as possible. The Negroes have not been any too vigilant in many respects—slipping back in the estimation of those in position to head off adverse "legislation." The steady growth of the peculiar systems—the separate car, disfranchisements and racial isolation generally—has stripped the Negroes of much sympathy and support of the right kind.

We may set it down that the Supreme judges found no pleasure in making the unfortunate decision; it stands to reason that they would have preferred to have rendered according to the law as it is writ. If we will get real close to the matter we will see that the Negroes are without civil comfort and that in spite of the beautiful platitudes about the majesty of the laws. They are nothing—merely empty forms when not sustained by the great majority. The situation is most unfortunate, but really the logical one. We may as well admit this along with the contentoin that the laws have been violated. It should be admitted as a contribution to the peace of the nation. The Supreme Court has no power to law the race into the good graces of the people.

MELANGE.

We should be thankful for the opportunities to work and to do; to do pretty much what we like to do. If we don't have great concerns where the money just rolls in, it is our own fault. We can make money of the white people, then turn right around and spend it among ourselves if we are "a mind" to. Then when we are all down and out we can go right back to the same source, work and get some more money and try it over again. The foreigners understand this thing. They come, make lots of money, then go home and live retired lives. Or if they choose to go in business right here among us they are not long in getting the nickels together. They get them by the same hard licks that we get ours. They, however, are not so prodigal. They act as though the good thing was not going to hold out very long; we act as if it would continue forever. It's the way we were brought up, helped by disposition. Good wages have been the rule with us. Those from abroad have had nothing else much to shake but the lemon tree, and, by the way, the good old times are not always going to be. When we are crowded to the inch as the European lives, we won't have the work; or if so it will be cheapened owing to the many that are waiting to do it. So in the interest of posterity, better make hay while the sun is shining.

We suffer in one respect only and really that condition—civil, is not without a compensating good. As said before, this condition makes business opportunities. The white man's whirlpool of business strenuosity is avoided, and where the Negro with his meagre capital would stand about as much chance as a snow ball in—well, July. Long years ago people used to say, "You'll never miss the water till the well runs dry." The well is not dry, but the best of wells sometimes go bad. Wisdom suggests that the opportunities be seized, and while at the flood.

These opportunities are something. The wrongs endured are trifling from the standpoint of opportunity of individual effort. The cry from without is work, do; the duty is work, do; and yet we fail of the admonition. Why appalled by the magnitude of other men's achievements? What solace or despair comes through them? They are not ours; similar can be ours. So there. Oh, yes, we have some cause for thanks, even if we did have a Brownsville affair, some "Jim Crow" cars, some disfranchisements. These things sound very bad, but they are not nearly so bad when one gets real close to them. To vote for other men without being voted for is not such an ideal anyhow. "Jim Crow" cars when as good as other cars are not "Jim Crow" unless we so will it. The individual is paramount and not the cars. A man will be no less in a hog car; the car doesn't make the man. This is no justification for them nor palliation, but since what is, is, why not make the best of it? We are no Polonious, but offer this: As you think you are, you are. This has in mind national beings and not little Naps and Ulysses S. Grants, that genus homo met up with in the institutions for the insane,. Eliminating the evil there remains a much greater amount of good, and for which we may be thankful.

Not only is there unbounded opportunity for individual and collective effort. One may worship as he chooses; he may infest the street corners, sing and pray in one or in all of the tongues. This has not been always so in the world's history. We are not imprisoned for debt. Speech is free; the press is free; life and limb are protected; one is entitled to all the property he can pay for; the courts of justice are not denied; the streets are of access. In most respects the race enjoys the privileges generally enjoyed. All of this in the country that is the envy of all the world.

Individually we can be thankful for the common blessings; the waving corn promises to one as to another—food. The lambs that skip the hills with their woolly fleece promise to one as to another—clothing. The aspiring oak promises to one as to another—shelter and fire. The sun, moon and stars are ours, the communists of the skies, unwarped by petty favoritism, reminding the sons of men of Him beyond, who is not less in communal love than His creatures.

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COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE.

Archie Ball vs. Roxie Ball. } State of Indiana, Marion County, ss: in the Circuit Court of Marion County, In the State of Indiana, No. 17,345. Complaint Divorce.

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 16th day of Nov., 1908, the above named plaintiff by his attorney, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion Court, in the State of Indiana, her complaint against the above named defendant, Roxie Ball, and the said plaintiff having also filed in said clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, Roxie Ball, is not a resident of the state of Indiana, and said cause is for divorce, and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto, and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 15th day of January, 1909.

NOW THEREFORE, by order of said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against her, and that unless she appear and and answer or demur thereto at the calling of said cause on the 15th day of January, 1909, the same being the 12th judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the Court House in the city of Indianapolis, on the first Monday in January, 1909, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in her absence.

LEONARD M. QUILL, Clerk.
I. L. WISEMAN, Attorney for Plaintiff.
Nov. 21-3t.

COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE.

State of Indiana, Marion County, ss:
In the Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana.
Nellie May Meredith vs. Charles T. Meredith.
No. 17353.
Complaint, Divorce.

Be it known, that on the 17th day of November, 1908, the above named plaintiff, by her attorneys, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana, her complaint against the above named defendant, Charles T. Meredith, and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, Charles T. Meredith, is not a resident of the State of Indiana, and said cause is for divorce, and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto, and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto, on the 14th day of January, 1909.

Now, therefore, by order of said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him, and that unles he appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 14th day of January, 1909, the same being the 10th judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the first Monday in January, 1909, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in his absence.

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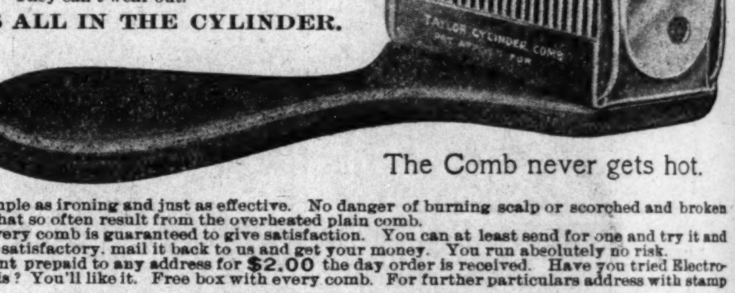

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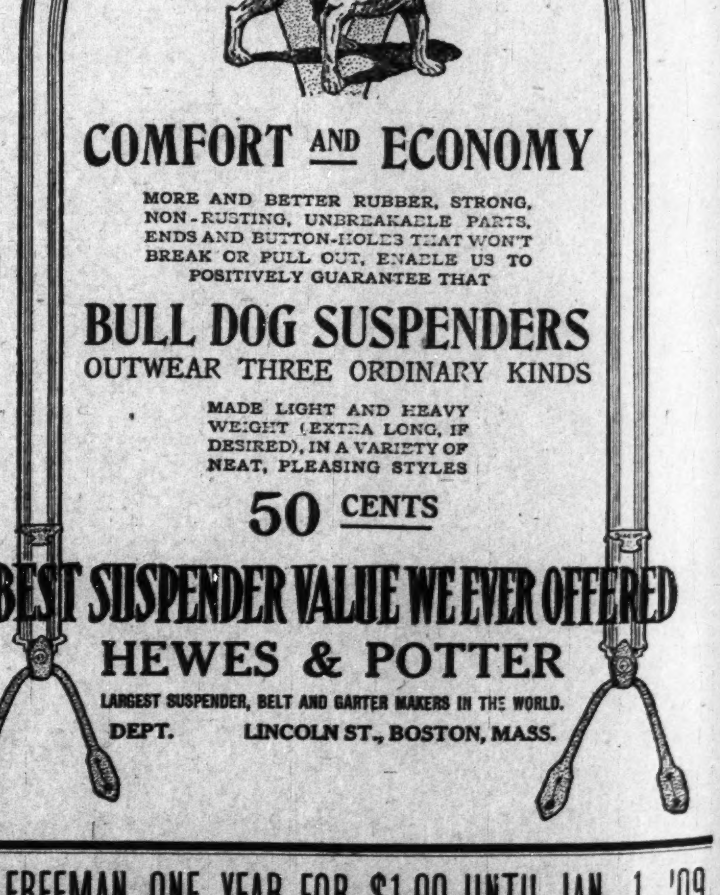

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FISTIOLOGY.

By Harry W. Jackson.

Jeff picked Papke to win.

A man with the punch—Joe Jeannette.

What about Moran and Murphy fixing it?

The Langford-O'Brien bout is declared off.

Young Sam Langford is attracting attention.

Burns is all right, but—so thinks Jeffries.

In Gan's last fight he hit the first blow but received the last.

Negroes have held practically all titles except the bantam.

The Blackburn-Donovan match was merely an exhibition for Jack.

Can't win on your name now; it's the punch that does the work.

Sometimes our minds change; so did Johnny Coulon in regard to facing Moran.

Packey's out for the money—his earnings of $25,000 has made him ambitious.

Nelson has gone into the real estate business. Better than "blowing his money in," isn't it?

How many scrappers can go through the career Jim Corbett has and end up without a scratch?

When fighters fought barehanded it was nothing out of the ordinary for a battle to last several hours.

It is said that the punch that laid Gans low before Frankie Erne was an accidental one, but it counted just the same.

Indianapolis sports believe that Jack Johnson is a brilliant fighter with Burns as his master. Wait and see who's the master.

Every fighter wears his own fighting face. Nelson and Gans disguise in the extremes; the former frowns, the latter grins.

Some fighters must be given a few rounds of hard punishment before they can get together; others fall into pieces at a few rounds of beating.

The Burns-Johnson fight, which will take place at Sydney, Australia, December 26, seems to be attracting more attention on the big island than in America.

Nelson went for Gan's body, Memsic for Blackburn's, and doubtless Burns will go for Johnson's. It is a thing of the past to play for the colored boys' heads now.

Kid Harper, the Hoosier 122-pound pet, says he is as good as ever. Harper would like to get on a go in the near future and he hurls a challenge to any man in the country of his weight.

And if S. Ketchell and Billy Papke don't reconsider their statements that they will not fight colored men, what will they do for fights and who will they meet? You know there are but a few white "heavies" in their class.

Some play to put a man out by wearing him down; some play for one particular spot or blow; some use science to win; others heavy hitting. Many have their choice to some one of these particular methods and claim that it is the best way. But there have been topnotchers in all of these styles.

HERCULEANS AND WILBERFORCE PLAY GAME.

Home Boys Claim Score of 5 to 0—Ohioians 0 to 0—Referee's Decision—Visitors Leave Field.

Thanksgiving Day greeted one of the best and hardest fought football games ever witnessed by the colored people of this city, which took place at Northwestern Baseball Park between the Herculeans of Indianapolis and the Wilberforce University team of Ohio. The game was well played by both elevens. The "Herks" pushed the ball over the visitors' goal line, but failed to kick goal, making the score, according to the referee's decision, 5 to 0.

Wilberforce claimed that the score should have been 0 to 0. The goal posts of the college team were not exactly on the goal line; there was a distance of about two feet between the line and the posts at the point where the "Herks" made their touchdown. The local team sent the ball over Wilberforce's goal line but not beyond the goal posts and the visitors said the ball should have passed the goal posts before the "Herks" could be entitled to a touchdown. As the distance between the two goal lines was of the legal measurement the "Herks" claimed that their score is right and so did the referee, and because the ball legally crossed the line. To come to an argument on this technical point seemed to have been impossible and a great argument took place, which grew obnoxious to the fans, who left the grounds. Captain Wallace of the Wilberforce team called his men off the field and refused to continue the game until the 5 to 0 score was erased. The referee maintained his decision and the evening grew too dark to continue the game, if desired, and the contest ended before the second half was completed.

The "Herks" were the favorites before and during the game, though they were several times in dangerous quarters. There were about 500 people present, including a goodly number of the fair sex. They understood (?) the game thoroughly and waved pennants, flags and ribbons of blue and white and screamed to the top of their voices in support of the home boys. More interest was manifested in this game than any before and with one exception (the injury to the leg of Samuel Gwyne, star fullback of the university boys), it was not as rough as has been played on the Northwestern field. The game of this year's time of the Herculeans far surpasses that of the past season; their goal has not been crossed this fall and they claim the championship of Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.

The first half of the game ended with the ball in Wilberforce territory and it was there all during that half. The visitors resorted to finding out the strength of the Herculeans' line until they found a weak spot. They found one; it was in the "Herks'" center and time after time they plunged through it. The local boys couldn't stop them and at several times Wilberforce had a chance to score. At one time they were at their opponents' eight-yard line, but the "Herks" strengthened and held them there for downs. The "Herks" received the ball and Lewis' toe did the rest. The oval went back and landed in the center of the field, but was returned a few yards by Wilberforce's fullback, who was tackled hard. The ball again began to travel toward the "Herks" goal. Neither team scored in this half.

Fullback Owen Lewis kicked off in the second half to "Wilby," who steadily advanced the ball. The "Herks" put on steam and speed. Lewis' toe got in the way of the pigskin and sent it some distance. The feat created the loudest yell of the afternoon, and to make it continuous a "Herk" fell on the ball at the college boys' three-yard line. Then Quarterback Elbert called signals for line plunges through tackle and guard, and with all the vim that Captain Elbert's Trojans seemed to possess the ball was sent over the visitors' goal line, who at this junction contested the decision of the referee.

The home boys had a good chance to score when Lee, center, had the ball from a punt in his hands in a clean field and practically threw it away.

The Lineup.

Herculeans.		Wilberforce.
Owens	Leftend	Layton
Hines	Left tackle	M.oore
Wingfield	Left guard	McCullough
Lee and Stone	Center	Brewer
Stout	Right guard	McCoy
Duncan	Right tackle	Brown
Clay	Right end	Dick'n & Wilson
Elbert (C.)	Quarterback	Wallace (C.)
Brown	Left half	Nelson
Bolly & Young	Right half	Willis
Lewis	Fullback	Gwyne and Robinson

Herculeans' weight, 145 pounds; Wilberforce, 140 pounds.

Edward Gallard, manager of the Herculeans; Prof. Earl Finch of Wilberforce.

Paraded to Park.

The Wilberforce team arrived in the city at about 12:15 p. m., about 45 minutes late rthan they were scheduled. Manager Gaillard of the Herculeans, accompanied by several members of the team, met the Ohioians at the Union Station, who were seventeen in number. They were escorted to the Sumner League Club, where they made their headquarters. At about 2:40 p. m. the Wilberforce team, followed by the Herculeans, paraded to the Northwestern Baseball Park, where the game was played. The Clay band, known as the "Iron League Band," led the procession. After the game the college team took supper at the New Parker House.

A Few Bits on the Game.

Wilberforce won a lot of admirers by their clean game.

Oh, that fumble of Lee's!

Elbert tried the forward pass to "Phoebe," but it fell into the hands of Willis.

Bolly's plunges had no effect.

Brewer played all around Lee at center.

Both captains were quarterbacks.

"Wilby" claims raw deal; "Herks" fair play. Which is it?

The wind caused several off-side kicks.

Did you see the medicine man with his grip in his hand?

The crowd interfered with the playing at times.

Who was more enthusiastic than Manager Gaillard?

This was the first game the Ohioians have lost in three years. They may play a post season.

And the girls all yelled.

Hurdling was costly to the visitors.

Everyone that can play football can't dance. You should have been at the Yale dance and seen for yourself.

Wallace certainly has a deer foot (and so has Elbert).

A change of center proved successful for "Herks."

Gordan, referee, is an old Wabash College football star. Manager Prof. Earl Finch said that Gordan was "the fairest referee that has refereed a game for his boys." It seems that this was true in the first half, after which the Buckeye boys began to change their opinion. Gordan did fine and bids fair to referee next season if not to play.

One remarkable thing about Wilberforce was, that they coached themselves during the entire season.

It is not a disgrace to be a gentleman on the field.

Phil Owens made several good tackles.

The forward pass was costly for the "Herks."

That one-hand tackle of Captain Elbert practically saved the game for the localites.

Mud, ankle deep.

Wind too strong in first half for good punting.

Elbert knew where to send the ball.

Oh, that foot of Lewis' must be a No. 13!

He who could swim could play football and some splashing tackles were made in some nice cool water.

"Wilby's" backs were speedy and sensational.

It was said that Captain Wallace did not play his usual game. Well, if he had, Elbert would have had to hustle.

Gwyne sustained a badly injured leg. Dr. Norrell, who dressed his leg, says that the sturdy fullback will probably be laid up for three weeks. Well, it's the last game of the season anyhow.

Both teams played well.

An enthusiastic crowd indeed.

Everybody worked but the police.

Had the field been dry, the Hoosier team would have had to encounter more of "Wilby's" trick plays.

The umpire's failure to inspect the field made him primarily the cause of the dispute.

Wilberforce's interference was above the average.

When Gwyne was penalized for hurdling (?) he said he did it to save the face of one of the "Herks" linesmen who was lying on the ground at the time.

Robert Hines played a pretty good game at tackle.

When asked why he didn't bring up the question of the goal lines and posts at the start of the game, Manager Finch replied, "No error is an error until it is discovered." He also said that "the decision of the referee is final so long as it is under the rules."

To be a little more acquainted with the rules wouldn't hurt, would it?

Mud tackles. For instructions, see Wallace.

The relay pass to Lewis was a spectacular feat.

"Brownie" was steadily in the game.

A pick team from the two teams:

Owens (H)	Left end
Hines (H)	Left tackle
Wingfield (H)	Left guard
Brawer (W)	Center
Stout (H)	Right guard
Brown (W)	Right tackle
Wilson (W)	Right end
Elbert (H)	Quarterback
Nelson (W)	Left half
Willis (W)	Right half
Lewis (H)	Fullback

FREDDIE WELSH BEATS ATTELL.

Hebrew Resorts to Fouling—Englishman Too Fast for Abe.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Freddie Welsh of England decisively beat Abe Attell last week in a furious fifteen-round battle at Jim Jeffries' arena, the little Englishman out-pointing Abe at every branch of his own game and out-classing him as well. Even Attell's noted backward sprint did not save him from punishment.

With his head rocking and staggering from side to side under the shower of punches that Welsh landed in the last round, Abe went down to a decisive defeat. And it was before a wildly cheering crowd that the verdict was rendered by Referee Eyton, for Attell's unpopularity was shown from the moment he entered the ring.

At least half a dozen times Attell deliberately tried to foul his man, and the air rang with protests when the referee refused to disqualify him.

Attell refused to shake hands and drew a storm of hisses thereby. When the men put up their hands it was seen that Attell meant to make a stand-up fight of it. That is, he tried to. For three rounds the men boxed with honors even and at lightning speed, Welsh seeming in no way dismayed by the jabs of his opponent, but came back with quick punches to the face, sending his left hard to the kidneys in vicious style as they stepped into clinches. In the fourth round he showed a surprising flash of form and clearly outboxed Attell.

ATTELL RESORTS TO FOULING.

In the fifth he again kept Abe worried by his speedy attacks, and the crowd shouted with glee as he rocked Abe's head backward as the San Francisco man rushed in. Attell depended on two-handed work, while Welsh used a lightning left, which he poked into Attell's face rapidly and repeatedly. This was a new experience for Attell, and he promptly commenced to rough it. In the sixth he was warned by the referee for twice fouling Welsh, but he deliberately repeated these tactics in the seventh, and was again warned.

M'FARLAND AND WELCH MAY MEET.

The Third Match.

CHICAGO, Ill.—A third match between Packey McFarland and Freddy Welsh, the English lightweight champion, was practically closed yesterday by Harry Gilmore, Jr., manager of the stockyards boxer. Gilmore returned from New York yesterday morning and found an offer from James Coffroth, the San Francisco promoter, awaiting him.

Coffroth wired that he would put McFarland and Welsh on for the New Year's fight at Colma Club if the Briton was successful in defeating Abe Attell when the pair meet before the Jeffries Club Thursday night.

The terms which Coffroth offered were liberal and Gilmore practically agreed to the match, so both he and Packey now are pulling for Welsh to take the measure of the shifty featherweight champion.

If Welsh wins Thursday Packey and his manager will start West at once and the stockyards lightweight will begin active training as quickly as he gets to San Francisco. If there is one man in the fighting game today whom Packey would rather lick than Nelson, that man is Freddy Welsh.

ITALIAN RUNNER BEATS HAYES.

Special to The Freeman.

NEW YORK.—Before one of the largest crowds that ever thronged Madison Square Garden Wednesday night before Thanksgiving, John Hayes of America and Dorando Pietro of Italy ran once more the historic Olympic Marathon race, about which so much argument had been rife since last summer. On this occasion Dorando was disqualified, although he finished first and Hayes was awarded the race. Ten thousand persons were looking on when Richard Croker fired the pistol for the start.

Dorando took the lead at the outset and made the pace practically all the way, making a rate of nearly six minutes to the mile. Hayes was never more than a foot behind up to the twentieth mile. The time for the entire distance, twenty-one miles, was 2 hours, 10 minutes and 55 1-5 seconds.

Dorando said after the race: "I was so much excited by the crowd and the cheering that I did not make my sprint as soon as I expected. I had Hayes' measure, however, at all stages of the race, and I am more fully convinced than eve rthat I should have won the Marathon race in England. All honor to Hayes, however, for his splendid fight. The conditions were splendid and I am anxious to thank the public for its kindness."

Hayes said that he did his best and had no excuses to make. His friends, however, insisted that he had not had time enough to fit himself properly for the race.

WANTS TO MEET FIGHTERS.

Special to The Freeman.

MOLINE, Ill.—Kid Fields of Galesburg, a 24-year-old scrapper and a whirlwind at that, is desirous to meet some good fighters. The kid wants to meet fellows who can take and give punishment, and he challenges anyone in his class.

BREAKS MOTORCYCLE RECORD.

Special to The Freeman.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Robt. Stubbs of Birmingham last week rode a motorcycle 100 miles in 1:47:44 on the Fair Grounds track, lowering the 100-mile record held by Stanley Kellogg of Philadelphia, 2:05:36. The race was under the sanction of the Motorcycle Club of America.

POLLARD'S NAME STILL BEFORE THE PEOPLE.

Gossip still continues about Leslie Pollard, the star colored halfback of the Dartmouth football team, whose sensational playing did much for his team in the recent Dartmouth-Harvard game. Pollard is a 20-year-old young man and at one time was a palyer on the North Division High School at Chicago, where he was active in athletics.

COLE NO MATCH FOR O'BRIEN.

The Jack O'Brien-George Cole bout, in which the former easily showed his superiority over the colored man, before the West End A. C., Philadelphia, was not the kind of a contest the large audience expected to witness. The match was entirely one-sided, this being due to 'OBrien's surpassing knowledge of the game. A notable drawback, from a spectator's point of view, was the great amount of clinching done, which seemed out of place when O'Brien's footwork abilities are considered.

The latter apparently was satisfied with a mild, easy-going pace, always demonstrating his superior skill over Cole, but never putting any ginger in his work or endeavoring to finish his dusky opponent. O'Brien knocked Cole to the mat in the first round and the latter stayed there for the count, but O'Brien did not follow this up with any strenuous effort to stop Cole.

The later rounds were not any more interesting to the spectators than the first. O'Brien appeared to be under a pull at the time. He could reach Cole's jaw or stomach any time he wanted it, but when he did hit George the blows were not very hard, and many blows slipped past Cole's head.

O'Brien missed in a manner that plainly showed that was not trying to put the colored man away. In the last two rounds O'Brien, who had been jumping in and around Cole like a dancing master giving an exhibition, slowed up a trifle and allowed Cole to slam a few blows at him, none of which landed. The spectators became restless towards the close, and many thought that Jack was going out of his way to let Cole stay, but there wa sno outward manifestation of disappointment.

DEERFOOT ON WARPATH.

Has a Purse of $5,000 to Back Himself.

NEW YORK.—Matthew Deerfoot, the Colorado long-distance runner, who is out after the scalps of Longboat, Shrubb and Dorando, arrived in the East recently from Chicago. Deerfoot, a full-blooded Indian and a relative of the famous Deerfoot, hopes to get on a match with Dorando, the Italian who won the London Marathon, but was afterwards disqualified, and also won the recent match with Hayes at Madison Square Garden, New York.

"Yes, I'd like to get Longboat or Shrubb in a race," said Deerfoot. "I'm going to challenge Dorando for a race and will be prepared to back myself with $5,000. You see, I figure that Dorando, who created a sensation at the finish of the London Marathon race, would give me a reputation in the East, provided I can beat him. Then I could get after Longboat or Shrubb. Some of my Indian friends tell me I can beat Longboat."

SHERIFF GRICE WILL ARREST.

Sheriff Jesse Grice of Fort Wayne, Ind., has issued a statement explaining his position in the prize fighting game, and said he would arrest everyone present at a fight in that county.

BURNS-JOHNSON BATTL..

Little Interest—This Fight Will Settle Heavyweight Dispute.

Although the date for the championship fight between Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson in Australia is rapidly approaching, there seems to be little if any interest in it in this country, although it is obvious that the outcome will bring about a match or series of matches here in the spring that will determine the championship standing of the winner. The fact that a Canadian, whose pugilistic prestige was gained on American soil, and a native American should select a foreign country in which to settle the question of pugilistic supremacy, has engendered a lot of ill feeling amongst the followers of the sport here, and this has culminated in a disposition to ignore the affair completely. This feeling may manifest itself still further when the pugilists return in the matchmakers displaying an indifference about engaging them for the forthcoming fights.

In England and Australia the interest in the affair is potent, and advice from the Antipodes is such that the inference is drawn from the glowing reports that the match will draw tremendously.

There is no reason why it shouldn't; it is the first championship match that has ever been arranged for that country, and everyone is looking for something marvelous in the fistic line. Burns defeated Squires and Lang; the former three times and the latter once, while Johnson has whipped Peter Felix and Bill Lang during his brief stay in Australia.

Another feature that makes the match interesting for Australians is that the men are foreigners and the first pair of outsiders to box in their country for a championship.

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SHEPPARD WILL ATTEMPT NEW RECORD.

Melvin W. Sheppard will try for a new record at the indoor championships at Madison Square Garden Monday. Sheppard has been training hard so as to be in shape when the time comes. Martin Sheridan has also entered for the championships. He will figure in ten events. The meet this year will be the biggest ever held under the auspices of the A. A. U.

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MARINER BESTS JACK CURLEY; THEN LOSES FIGHT.

Jack Curley whipped Jeff Davis, a colored mariner, at the boxing entertainment of the Manhattan A. C., New York City. The pair met in the wind-up, and for six rounds furnished the liveliest sort of milling. For three rounds Davis had things much his own way, but in the last half of the journey Curley came strong and had his man in bad shape at the end of the swatfest.

AUSTRALIANS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER BURNS-JOHNSON FIGHT.

Burns Will Retire From Ring.

In a letter from Australia Tommy Burns says that he is roughing it in the mountains preparatory to going into his training for the fight with Jack Johnson. Burns says the Australians are worked up to the highest pitch of exciteemnt over the coming contest and that a tremendous crowd will undoubtedly turn out to see it. Burns also states that, win or lose, his fight with Johnson will positively be the last, because his wife seriously objects to his remaining in the ring, and that as he has enough money to enable his family to live in ease for the balance of their lives, he has decided to accede to his wife's wishes and retire.

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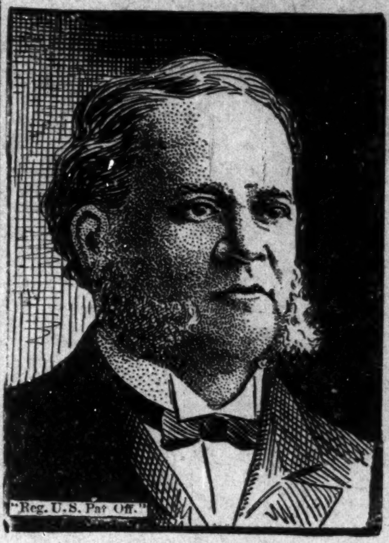
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The Ethical Culture Society will elect officers tomorrow.

Henry Jackson has been slightly indisposed this week.

A. E. Manning, publisher of The World. continues ill.

Harry W. Jackson is now in the employment of The Freeman.

T. Q. Brown has returned from a business trip at Denver, Colo,

Alonzo Smith has returned from a several months' stay at Chicago.

Mrs. Elmer Hill, of Newcastle, was in the city Monday on business.

J. H. Hightower was the guest J. P. Leverett at Peru last, last week.

Thomas A. Posey entertained a few friends at supper Sunday evening.

Miss Jessie Williams has returned from a few days' stay at Richmond, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sanford are at home to friends at 706 West Tenth street.

Mrs. W. Norman Curry and little granddaughter, Jacquis, have returned from Sullivan.

Robert Henderson, residing 219 West Vermont street, is seriously ill at the City Hospital.

Bishop Caldwell of the A. M. E. Zion church will be in the city Sunday, December 13.

Ray Morales and B. H. Hankinson, expert accountants, were in the city Wednesday.

The ladies of St. Philips Episcopal church will give a Christmas bazaar at their church, corner of West and Walnut street December 15-16-17. A beautiful doll will be given each child who brings money on a punch card.

One fifty cents ticket will admit you at the Mardi Gras, Tomlinson Hall, New Year's night.

Mrs. Ida Cushinberry, business manager of The Informer, continues ill at home in Blake street.

The cake walk in its latest guise will be gracefulness peesonified at Tomlinson Hall New Year's night.

Don't forget the date of the Mardi Gras, Tomlinson Hall, Friday evening January 1, New Year's night.

One continuous round of pleasure at the Mardi Gras, Tomlinson Hall Friday evening (New Year's night) January 1.

Miss Sadie Boyer, who has been living at Chicago for the past two years, has returned to the city for permanent residence.

Mrs. W. O. Martin has just returned from French Lich Springs, Ind., where she spent the week of Thanksgiving with her husband.

Miss Harvester will be hostess to the Woman's Club Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Goins in West Twelfth street.

Miss Susie Wilson, collector for the Dime Savings Loan Association, is assistant teacher in the night school at the Charles Sumner School.

Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio, and Indiana will be represented by their best artist in the buck and wing dance contest at the Mardi Gras Tomlinson Hall New Year's night.

J. Gibbs, who has been head waiter at the Grand Hotel for several years, has gone to French Lick, Ind., where he will serve in the same position in the hotel there.

Regular services at Allen Chapel tomorrow. At 10:45 subject "The Burden of the Hour;" at 8 p. m., "How Can I Keep the Other Man." Rev. George C. Sampson, pastor.

The Young Men's Male Chorus will sing tomorrow morning at Bethel church. On Wednesday evening the Chorus will give an entertainment at Olivet Baptist church.

Miss Laura Wolfolk entertained friends at six o'clock dinner, Tuesday. The out-of-town guests were Rev. Peter Everett, of Xenia, O., and Rev. M. C. Elzy, of Springfield, Ill.

The rich, the poor, the young and the old can find plenty of enjoyment at the Mardi Gras, cake walk and grand promenade, Tomlinson Hall, Friday eve, New Year's night, Jan. 1

The Mardi Gras will conclude with a grand promenade where every one can skip the light fantastic until the small hours of morning to the music that can obtained at Tomlinson Hall, New Year's Night, January 1.

W. G. Warmick, of Fargo, N. D., was in the city Saturday, enroute to Minneapolis, Minn., where he expects to engage in business. Mr. Warmick spent serveral days in French Lick Springs, Ind., and Louisville, Ky.

Bishop A. Grant is in the city enroute to Washington, D. C., to attend the Board of Education Meeting of the fund of the estate of Mrs. Jeaness. Bishop Grant will occupy the pulpit at Bethel church Sunday morning.

The Mardi Gras that will be given at Tomlinson Hall, Friday eve, New Year,s night Jan. 1, will be a reproduction of that historic event given at New Orleans every year when thousands of mirthmaking people flock from all parts of the country. See?

William Hindle.

It has been officially announced that William Hindle, well and favorable known to the colored voters of the Sixth Ward, is a candidate for Councilman, subject to the decision of the Republican party. Mr. Hindle is one the successfull young business men of the ward and would make a safe representative of the people in the Council. He stands for a reclamation of Indiana avenue to the ranks of decency, law and order. The imperativeness of the present situtuation in "Bucktown" certainly calls for immediate and drastic measures and a man fearless and determined to bring about the desired reforms. The worth and ability of Mr. Hindle to graple with and throttle present conditions are already being discussed by the colored property owners of the Ward and the better class of our people in general.

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Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Bishop Abraham Grant will be the speaker at the "Monster Meeting" on Sunday Jones Tabernacle A. M. E. church. The Young Men's Christian Association is doing a big work and a great good in the community by conducting these meeting each Sunday and next Sunday what is expected to be the biggest of the season will take place.

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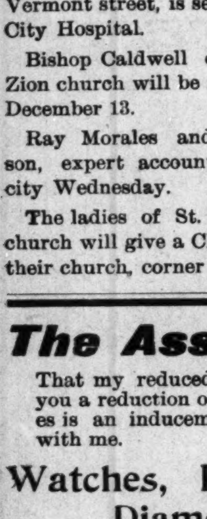

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